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**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH APRIL 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 5(1)(3) and 8(1) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 8th April 1971.

2. The Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b), as amended(c), shall have effect subject to the amendments set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 8th day of April 1971.

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Assistant Secretary.

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(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967. No. 237.

(c) The previous amending Regulations are not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations.

SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule, the abbreviations employed refer to units of measurement as follows:—

<i>Imperial</i>		<i>Metric</i>	
ft . . . . .	feet	m . . . . .	metre
gal . . . . .	gallon	mm . . . . .	millimetre
qt . . . . .	quart		
pt . . . . .	pint		
fl. oz . . . . .	fluid ounce		

2. For Part I of Schedule 2 to the 1967 Regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

“PART I

Linear Measures

1. The prescribed limits of error as respects the passing of linear measures as fit for use for trade shall be the following:—

(a) *Imperial*

(b) *Metric*

Purported length of the measure	Limit of error, in inches
50 ft or more . . . . .	0.6
10 ft, 20 ft or 33 ft . . . . .	0.4
less than 10 ft but more than 3 ft . . . . .	0.1
3 ft or less . . . . .	0.05

Purported length of the measure	Limit of error
50 m . . . . .	20 mm
30 m or 20 m . . . . .	15 mm
10 m, 5 m, 3 m, 2 m or 1.5 m . . . . .	at the rate of 0.5 mm per 0.5 m
1 m or less . . . . .	1 mm

2. The limits of error as respects the obliteration of stamps shall be four times the relevant limits specified in the foregoing Table<sup>2</sup>.

3. Paragraph 5 of Part II of the said Schedule 2 shall have effect as if for the tables in sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) there were substituted the tables set out below:

New table in sub-paragraph (a)

New table in sub-paragraph (c)

*Liquid Measures*

*Dry Measures*

Purported Capacity	Error in excess only, fluid ounces
$\frac{1}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ gill . . . . .	0.0625
$\frac{3}{8}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ gill, 4 fl. oz . . . . .	0.125
1 gill, 6 fl. oz or $\frac{1}{2}$ pt . . . . .	0.25
8 fl. oz or $\frac{1}{2}$ pt . . . . .	0.375
1 pt . . . . .	0.5
1 qt or $\frac{1}{2}$ gal . . . . .	1.0
1 to 3 gal (inclusive) . . . . .	2.0
4 to 7 gal (inclusive) . . . . .	3.0
8 to 19 gal (inclusive) . . . . .	5.0
20 to 32 gal (inclusive) . . . . .	10.0
32 to 64 gal (inclusive) . . . . .	15.0

Purported Capacity	Error in excess only
$\frac{1}{2}$ pt . . . . .	0.625 fl. oz
1 pt . . . . .	0.25 gill
1 qt . . . . .	0.5 gill
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal . . . . .	1.0 gill
1 gal or 2 gal . . . . .	1.5 gill
4 gal or 8 gal . . . . .	0.5 pt

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations amend the Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

The principal changes are that limits of error are prescribed for certain new metric measures the use of which is made lawful by the Weights and Measures (Amendment to Schedule 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970 and that uniform limits of error are now prescribed for all measures of the same length irrespective of the material or form of the measure.