

1973. No. 502

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Pasta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973

Made 18th December 1973

Coming into Operation 1st July 1974

To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom under paragraph 4(5)(b) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Commerce pursuant to section 35(2) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to it by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order:

The Ministry of Commerce on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Pasta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1974.

2. Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to apply to the flour products described as macaroni and similar products.

3. Pasta which is not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

4. Subject to Article 5 of this Order pasta shall be pre-packed only if:
(a) it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say:

(i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb, or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 125 g, 250 g, 375 g, 500 g or a multiple of 500 g; and

(b) the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

5. Pasta shall be exempted from all requirements of Article 4(a) of this Order if pre-packed in a quantity not exceeding 50 g.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December 1973.

(L.S.)

E. Simpson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides that Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall cease to apply to macaroni and similar products and reproduces with amendments the provisions of that Part relating to pasta, a description which includes inter alia, macaroni and similar products. Pasta may only be pre-packed in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity exceeds 50 g and if the container is marked with an indication of the quantity by net weight. If not pre-packed, pasta may only be sold by retail by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.