



# Weights and Measures Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 72

### PART IV

#### REGULATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN GOODS

##### *General offences*

#### **28 Short weight, etc.**

- (1) Subject to sections 33 to 37 below, any person who, in selling or purporting to sell any goods by weight or other measurement or by number, delivers or causes to be delivered to the buyer—
  - (a) a lesser quantity than that purported to be sold, or
  - (b) a lesser quantity than corresponds with the price charged,shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(a) the quantity of goods in a package, or of a loaf of bread, to which the packaged goods regulations apply shall be deemed to be the nominal quantity (within the meaning of those regulations) of the package or the loaf of bread; and]
  - (b) any statement, whether oral or in writing, as to the weight of any goods shall be taken, unless otherwise expressed, to be a statement as to the net weight of the goods.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall apply in relation to any such goods or sales as are mentioned in section 24(2)(a) or (b) above.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 28(2)(a) substituted (6.4.2006) by [The Weights and Measures \(Packaged Goods\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/659\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2\(4\)](#) (with reg. 21)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Weights and Measures Act 1985, Section 28.