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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1963 No. 1710**

**The Weights and Measures Regulations 1963**

**PART XV**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*Interpretation*

**140.**—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively:—

“automatic weighing machine” means a machine in which special self-acting machinery is introduced to effect an automatic feed, the rapid weighing of given loads, the registration and summation of loads, and other similar purposes or some of them;

“beam scale” means any equal-armed weighing instrument, the pans of which are below the beam;

“capacity” means, in relation to a weighing instrument, the maximum load which the instrument is constructed to weigh;

“counter machine” means any equal-armed weighing instrument of a capacity not exceeding 1 hundredweight, the pans of which are above the beam, and includes, together with the ordinary type, such instruments as are specially designed for counter use, and which do not exceed the said capacity;

“dead-weight machine” means any weighing instrument similar in principle of construction to a counter machine but of a capacity of 1 hundredweight or more, and includes—

- (a) such an instrument with the weighing platform near to the ground and with the connecting stays or hooks above the beam and commonly known as a low pattern machine or cotton machine;
- (b) such an instrument with the weighing platform at any convenient height and with the connecting stays or hooks below the beam, and commonly known as a high pattern machine or single machine;
- (c) such an instrument which combines the characteristics of the instruments in (a) and (b) above, and commonly known as a double machine;

“error” in relation to a weighing instrument includes, save where the context otherwise requires, deficiency in sensitiveness;

“weighing instrument” means any weighing equipment other than a weight or counterpoise.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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**141.** These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures Regulations 1963 and shall come into operation on the 31st January 1964.