

1974 No. 1166

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) Order 1974

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation *1st October 1975*

Whereas the Secretary of State pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to her to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to her by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order:

And whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 54(3) of the Act:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 21(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and now vested in her (b) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to sugar.

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

4. Subject to Article 5 of this Order sugar shall be pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, only if:—

(a) it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say:

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

(ii) 125 g, 250 g, 500 g, 750 g, 1 kg, 1.5 kg, 2 kg, 2.5 kg, 3 kg, 4 kg, or 5 kg; and

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

(a) 1963 c. 31.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

5. Sugar shall be exempted from all requirements:

- (a) of Article 4(a) of this Order if pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, in a quantity not exceeding 100 g or in a quantity more than 5 kg; and
- (b) of Article 4(b) of this Order if pre-packed, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale, in a quantity less than 50 g.

Alan Williams,
Minister of State,
Department of Prices and
Consumer Protection.

10th July 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall cease to apply to sugar; those provisions are replaced by those of this Order.

Except where the quantity does not exceed 100 g (approximately 3½ oz.) or exceeds 5 kg (approximately 11 lb.), sugar may only be prepacked, or otherwise made up in or on a container for sale in a range of imperial or metric weights prescribed in the Order. Every container must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight unless the quantity is less than 50 g (approximately 1¾ oz.). If not prepacked, sugar may only be sold by retail by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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