

1975 No. 1178

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Flour and Flour Products)
Order 1975*Laid before Parliament in draft*

Made - - - - 16th July 1975

Coming into Operation 1st July 1977

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 (Flour and Flour Products) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

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

2.—(1) Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to flour and flour products to which this Order applies.

(2) This Order applies to—

- (a) flour of bean, maize, pea, rice, rye, soya bean or wheat; and
- (b) flour products of any of the following descriptions, that is to say—
 - (i) cake flour, other than cake mixtures and sponge mixtures;
 - (ii) cornflour, other than blancmange powders and custard powders;
 - (iii) self-raising flour.

3. Flour and flour products to which this Order applies which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

4. Such flour and flour products shall be pre-packed—

- (a) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 50g or in a quantity

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

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

exceeding 10kg, only if made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

- (i) 4oz, 8oz, 12oz, 1lb, 1½lb, or a multiple of 1lb; or
 - (ii) 125g, 250g, 500g, or a multiple of 500g and, in the case of cornflour, in addition 375g and 750g; and
- (b) only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

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

16th July 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The provisions of this Order replace on 1st July 1977, those of Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963, in relation to flour and flour products (other than flour of oats).

Such flour and flour products may only be pre-packed if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight, and except where the quantity does not exceed 50g (approximately 1¾oz) or exceeds 10kg (approximately 22lb), only in a prescribed range of imperial and metric weights. If not pre-packed, such flour and flour products may be sold by retail only by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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