
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1294**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 9th August 1976**Coming into Operation 1st April 1978*

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 (Tea) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1978.

(2) In this Order "tea" includes tea in a tea bag, and a "tea bag" means a permeable sealed bag, containing tea, which is intended to be immersed in water in the course of the preparation of tea to drink.

(3) 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. Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to tea.

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

(a) 1963 c. 31.

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

(c) 1889 c. 63.

4. Tea—

(a) shall, except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 25g or exceeding 5kg, be pre-packed only if it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say:—

(i) 2oz, 4oz, 8oz, 12oz, 1lb, 1½lb, or a multiple of 1lb; or

(ii) 50g, 125g, 250g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 1·5kg, 2kg, 2·5kg, 3kg, 4kg, or 5kg;

(b) shall be pre-packed only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

Robert Maclennan,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Prices and
Consumer Protection.

9th August 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall cease to apply to tea, on 1st April 1978, when the provisions of that Part are replaced by those of this Order. Tea, including tea put up in tea bags, may be pre-packed in containers only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity exceeds 25g (approximately 9/10oz) and does not exceed 5kg (approximately 11lb). Every container in which tea is pre-packed must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight. If not pre-packed tea shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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