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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures (Local Standards: Periods of Validity)
Regulations 1979**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(5) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter called "the Act") and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Local Standards: Periods of Validity) Regulations 1979, and shall come into operation on 10th December 1979.

2. The periods prescribed for the purposes of section 4(5) of the Act (which relates to periods of validity of certificates of fitness of local standards) shall be the periods specified in the Schedule hereto running, in each case, from the date of issue of the certificate in question.

Sally Oppenheim,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

8th November 1979.

(a) 1963 c. 31; section 4(5) was amended by Schedule 5, paragraph 1, to the Weights and Measures 1979 (c. 45).
(b) S. I. 1970/1537.

SCHEDULE

<i>Local Standard</i>	<i>Period</i>
Weight	5 years
Length up to and including 3 metres or 10 feet	10 years
Length over 3 metres or 10 feet	5 years
Capacity up to and including 500 millilitres or 1 pint	10 years
Capacity over 500 millilitres or 1 pint	5 years

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the periods of validity of certificates of fitness of local standards of weights and measures maintained by local weights and measures authorities in accordance with section 4 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963. The periods replace those in section 4(5) of the Act which ceased to have effect on 4th October 1979 by virtue of the amendments in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to (and section 24(3)(c) of) the Weights and Measures Act 1979.

The period of validity in respect of certificates for:

- (a) standards of length of over 3 metres or 10 feet; and
- (b) standards of capacity of over 500 millilitres or 1 pint

are reduced from ten to five years. The periods of validity in respect of certificates for standards of weight and other standards of length and capacity remain unchanged at five and ten years respectively.

No distinction is now made where the certificate of fitness of an article for use as a local standard contains a statement of an error in the standard; the period of validity in these cases was formerly restricted to two years.

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