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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which are made under section 11(4) of the Weights and Measures Act 1985 (c. 72), amend the Weights and Measures (Prescribed Stamp) Regulations 1968 (S.I.1968/1615) to prescribe the stamp for the stamping of weighing and measuring equipment which has been passed as fit for use for trade for use by any person (not only inspectors of weights and measures) authorised to stamp such equipment by or under section 11 of the said 1985 Act.

Further, these Regulations change the stamp prescribed for use in the stamping of a measure made of plastic.

These Regulations have been notified to the European Commission and other member States in accordance with Council Directive 83/189/EEC (OJNo. L109, 26.4.1983, p.8), as last amended by Council Directive 94/10/EC (OJ No. L100, 19.4.1994, p.30) now codified by Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L204, 21.7.98, p.37), as amended by Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L217, 5.8.98, p.18).