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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 10*th May* 1977
Coming into operation . . . . 1*st July* 1977

The Department(a) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 26(3) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

Revocation

2. The Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) are hereby revoked.

Weighing equipment for customer use

3. All weighing equipment kept available under section 26(3) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 for use by any prospective buyer for the purpose of making known to him the weight of any goods shall be of the description prescribed in Regulation 4 below.

Authorised equipment

4.—(1) The weighing equipment shall consist of either a self-indicating counter machine or a spring balance, that is to say a counter machine or a spring balance fitted with a dial marked with graduations which indicate a series of imperial weights or metric weights, or both imperial and metric weights.

(2) The difference between the weights indicated by consecutive graduations—

(*a*) in a metric series, shall not exceed 10 grammes, and

(*b*) in an imperial series, shall not exceed ¼ ounce.

(3) Any goods plate, pan or scoop forming part of the equipment shall be so fitted that it cannot be readily removed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 10th May 1977.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 221 (p. 782)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations supersede the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and prescribe the kind of weighing equipment which may be provided in accordance with section 26(3) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 for the use of customers to satisfy in certain cases the requirement to make known the weight of goods sold.

The principal change is that if the dial of the equipment has markings in metric units, the weight increments indicated by consecutive graduations are not to exceed 10 grammes.