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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (EQUIVALENTS FOR DEALINGS WITH DRUGS)

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JANUARY, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1963.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph 16(3) of Schedule 10 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Equivalents for Dealings with Drugs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 and shall come into operation on 31st January, 1964.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Equivalents

3. For the purposes of any dealings with drugs, the unit of measurement or multiples or fractions thereof set out in column 2 of the schedule hereto shall be treated as the equivalent of the unit or multiples or fractions thereof set out opposite in column 1.

4.—(1) Any manufacturer, or wholesale or retail dealer, who sells or supplies in the form of cachets, capsules, injections, lozenges, suppositories or tablets, a drug for which a monograph exists in the 1963 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex, or in any amendment or new edition thereof, shall on and after the relevant date where the order relating to such dealing is expressed in terms of a unit of measurement set out in column 1 of the schedule hereto, carry out such dealing in terms of the equivalent quantity set out opposite in column 2.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, the "relevant date" means in the case of a manufacturer or wholesale dealer 1st August, 1965, and in the case of a retail dealer 1st February, 1966.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 29th day of January, 1964.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

(a) 1963. c. 31. (b) 1954. c. 33.

SCHEDULE

Table of Equivalent Quantities

Column 1	Column 2	Column 1	Column 2
15 grains	1,000 milligrammes	$\frac{1}{12}$ grain	5 milligrammes
12 "	800 "	$\frac{1}{15}$ "	4 "
10 "	600 "	$\frac{1}{20}$ "	3 "
8 "	500 "	$\frac{1}{24}$ "	2·5 "
$7\frac{1}{2}$ "	450 "	$\frac{1}{25}$ "	2·5 "
6 "	400 "	$\frac{1}{30}$ "	2 "
5 "	300 "	$\frac{1}{40}$ "	1·5 "
4 "	250 "	$\frac{1}{50}$ "	1·25 "
3 "	200 "	$\frac{1}{60}$ "	1 milligramme
$2\frac{1}{2}$ "	150 "	$\frac{1}{75}$ "	0·8 "
2 "	125 "	$\frac{1}{80}$ "	0·8 "
$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	100 "	$\frac{1}{100}$ "	0·6 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ "	75 "	$\frac{1}{120}$ "	0·5 "
1 grain	60 "	$\frac{1}{130}$ "	0·5 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ "	50 "	$\frac{1}{150}$ "	0·4 "
$\frac{3}{5}$ "	40 "	$\frac{1}{160}$ "	0·4 "
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	30 "	$\frac{1}{200}$ "	0·3 "
$\frac{2}{5}$ "	25 "	$\frac{1}{240}$ "	0·25 "
$\frac{1}{3}$ "	20 "	$\frac{1}{300}$ "	0·2 "
$\frac{1}{4}$ "	15 "	$\frac{1}{320}$ "	0·2 "
$\frac{1}{5}$ "	12·5 "	$\frac{1}{400}$ "	0·15 "
$\frac{1}{6}$ "	10 "	$\frac{1}{480}$ "	0·125 "
$\frac{1}{8}$ "	7·5 "	$\frac{1}{500}$ "	0·125 "
$\frac{1}{10}$ "	6 "	$\frac{1}{600}$ "	0·1 "

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe, for the purposes of any dealings with drugs, equivalences between the milligramme and grain and their multiples and fractions. These provisions take effect on 31st January, 1964.

The regulations also require, in the case of manufacturers or wholesale dealers with effect from 1st August, 1965, and in the case of retail dealers with effect from 1st February, 1966, that any sale or supply of certain drugs pursuant to an order expressed in grains shall be carried out in terms of the equivalent metric quantity. The drugs concerned are those for which a monograph exists in the 1963 edition of the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex and which are sold or supplied in the form of cachets, capsules, injections, lozenges, suppositories or tablets.