STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 1139

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Abbreviations of Units of Measurement) Regulations 1964

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The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(**a**), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) Save as is hereinafter provided, no abbreviation of, or symbol for, any unit of measurement included in column 1 of the Schedule hereto shall be used for trade in connection with the marking of an indication of quantity on a container required by any of the provisions of Schedules 4, 6, 7 or 8 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 to be so marked.

(2) Each of the units of measurement set out in column 1 of the said Schedule may be used for trade in the abbreviated form set out in column 2 of that Schedule in relation to that unit.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Abbreviations of Units of Measurement) Regulations 1964, and shall come into operation on 31st July 1965.

21st July 1964.

David Price,
Parliamentary Secretary to
the Board of Trade.

SCHEDULE

ABBREVIATIONS OF UNITS OF MEASUREMENT FOR USE FOR TRADE

1. *Imperial system*

Column 1 Unit of measurement	Column 2 Abbreviation
yard	yd
foot	ft
inch	in
cubic inch	cu. in *or* cub. in
gallon	gal *or* gall
quart	qt
pint	pt
fluid ounce	fl. oz
hundredweight	cwt
quarter	qr
pound	lb
ounce	oz
dram	dr
grain	gr

(**a**) 1963 c. 31. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

2. *Metric system*

Column 1 Unit of measurement	Column 2 Abbreviation
metre	m
decimetre	dm
centimetre	cm
millimetre	mm
cubic centimetre	c.c. *or* cu. cm
litre	l *or* lit
decilitre	dl
centilitre	cl
millilitre	ml
kilogramme	kg *or* kilo *or* kilog *or* kilogram
gramme	g *or* grm *or* gram
milligramme	mg *or* milligram

3. The letter " s " may (but need not) be added to an abbreviation to denote the plural.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which come into operation on the 31st July 1965, prescribe the abbreviations of units of measurement which may be used for trade in connection with the marking of an indication of quantity on a container which is required by the Weights and Measures Act 1963 to be so marked. Insofar as they relate to food, they will replace the corresponding provisions of the Pre-Packed Food (Weights and Measures: Marking) Regulations 1957 (S.I. 1957/1880), which lapse on 31st July 1965.