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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Equivalents for dealings with drugs) Regulations 1964

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The Minister of Health and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 10(7) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Equivalents for dealings with drugs) Regulations 1964 and shall come into operation on 31st January 1964.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. 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.

3.—(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.

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

SCHEDULE

TABLE OF EQUIVALENT QUANTITIES

Column 1	*Column* 2
15 grains	1000 milligrammes
12 "	800 "
10 "	600 "
8 "	500 "
7½ "	450 "
6 "	400 "
5 "	300 "
4 "	250 "
3 "	200 "
2½ "	150 "
2 "	125 "
1½ "	100 "
1¼ "	75 "
1 grain	60 "
3/4 "	50 "
3/5 "	40 "
1/2 "	30 "
2/5 "	25 "
1/3 "	20 "
1/4 "	15 "
1/5 "	12·5 "
1/6 "	10 "
1/8 "	7·5 "
1/10 "	6 "
1/12 "	5 "
1/15 "	4 "
1/20 "	3 "
1/24 "	2·5 "
1/25 "	2·5 "
1/30 "	2 "
1/40 "	1·5 "
1/50 "	1·25 "
1/60 "	1 milligramme
1/75 "	0·8 "
1/80 "	0·8 "
1/100 "	0·6 "
1/120 "	0·5 "
1/130 "	0·5 "
1/150 "	0·4 "
1/160 "	0·4 "
1/200 "	0·3 "
1/240 "	0·25 "
1/300 "	0·2 "
1/320 "	0·2 "
1/400 "	0·15 "
1/480 "	0·125 "
1/500 "	0·125 "
1/600 "	0·1 "

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 22nd January 1964.

(L.S.) *Anthony Barber,*
Minister of Health.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 23rd January 1964.

(L.S.) *Michael Noble,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

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.