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¹ACT No. IX OF 1939

[28th March, 1939]

An Act to establish standards of weight throughout ²[Pakistan]

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish standards of weight throughout ²[Pakistan] ;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Standards of Weight Act, 1939.

³[(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

(3) It shall come into force on such date⁴ as the ⁵[Federal Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint.

2. Unit for weight.—(1) The unit for weight shall be the standard grain, that is to say, that weight which when multiplied by 1799.84585 is the weight *in vacuo* of the iridio-platinum cylinder in the custody of the ⁶[Mint Master, Lahore], certified by the Standards Department of the British Board of Trade as having a weight of 1799.84585 grains *in vacuo*.

(2) The standard grain shall be the only unit from which all other standard weights shall be ascertained.

3. Standard weights.— (1) There shall be the following standard weights, namely :-

(a) the standard tola, being a weight of 180 standard grains;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1939, Pt. V, page 18.

This Act has been applied to Baluchistan, see Gazette of India, 1939, Pt. I, page 1450.

The Act and Rules framed there under were applied to Tribal Areas beyond the Western and Northern boundaries of the N.W.F.P. subject to any amendments which the Acts and Rules made thereunder are for the time being subject in the N.W.F.P., see Gazette of India, 1942, Pt. I, p. 1159.

The Act has been extended to the Leased Areas of Baluchistan, see the Leased Areas (Laws) Order, 1950 (G. G. O. 3 of 1950); and also applied in the Federated Areas of Baluchistan, see Gazette of India, 1937, Pt. I, p. 1499.

²Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for "the Provinces and the Capital of the Federation" which had been subs. by A. O., 1949, for "British India".

³Subs. by Ordinance 21 of 1960, s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for the original sub-section (2), as amended by A. O., 1949.

⁴The 1st July, 1942, see Notification No. 33-C(b)/37-A., dated the 13th June, 1942, Gazette of India, 1942, Pt. I, p. 1012.

⁵Subs. by F. A. O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for "Central Government".

⁶Subs. by A. O., 1949, for "Mint Master, Bombay".