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An Act relating to the use of uniform weights and measures throughout Singapore.

[1 January 1976]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Weights and Measures Act 1975.

**Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “Accuracy Label” means a mark referred to in section 7(2)(d)(ii) for use as evidence of the passing of any weighing or measuring instrument as fit for use for trade;
  - “Authorised Verifier” means any person appointed by the Board under section 29A;
  - “Board” means the Enterprise Singapore Board established by section 3 of the Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018;
  - “catch weight goods” means goods that —
    - (a) are enclosed in a package;
    - (b) cannot be portioned to a predetermined quantity because of their nature; and
    - (c) are usually sold in varying quantities;