

Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 18th July 2005.

An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act (Chapter 349 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act 2005 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Weights and Measures Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “check-weighed” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

“Accuracy Label” means a mark referred to in section 7(2)(ii)(B) 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 Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board established under section 3 of the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Act (Cap. 303A);

“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;”;

(b) by deleting the words “weighing equipment” wherever they appear in the definition of “check-weighed” in subsection (1) and substituting in each

case the words “weighing instrument”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Controller” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “desiccating goods” means any goods made up in a package that lose weight or volume solely through evaporation when the package is made up;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “gross weight” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “inadequate package” means a package enclosing goods that contain less than the quantity stated on the package or a label attached to the package, where the deficiency is more than twice the amount of error prescribed for the purpose of this definition;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “intoxicating liquor” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “lot of packages” means a collection of packages enclosing goods that —

- (a) are of the same kind;
- (b) are of the same stated weight, measure or number; and
- (c) are available for inspection at the same time and place;”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “mark” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “non-standard package” means a package enclosing goods that contains less than the quantity stated on the package or a label attached to it, where the deficiency is more than the amount of error prescribed for the purpose of this definition but not more than twice that prescribed amount of error;”;

- (g) by deleting the definitions of “stamp” and “weighing or measuring equipment” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

“ “stamp” means a mark referred to in section 7(2)(ii)(A) for use as evidence of the passing of any weighing or measuring instrument as fit for use for trade;

“supply”, in relation to a weighing or measuring instrument, includes —

- (a) selling the weighing or measuring instrument, whether by wholesale or retail or otherwise;
- (b) supplying the weighing or measuring instrument by way of exchange, lease, loan, hire or hire-purchase;
- (c) supplying the weighing or measuring instrument, whether with or without charge, by way of sample or otherwise;
- (d) offering or exposing the weighing or measuring instrument for sale or supply; and
- (e) keeping or having the weighing or measuring instrument for the purpose of selling or supplying it to someone else;

“weighing or measuring instrument” means an instrument for measuring in terms of length, area, volume, capacity, weight or number, whether or not the instrument is constructed to give an indication of the measurement made or other information determined by reference to that measurement, and includes any article used as a weighing or measuring instrument.”; and

- (h) by deleting the words “an inspector” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “an Authorised Verifier or inspector”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The metre shall be the unit of measurement of length and the kilogram shall be the unit of measurement of mass by reference to which any measurement involving a measurement of length or mass shall be made in Singapore.”; and

- (b) by deleting subsection (3).

Amendment of section 4