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Read the first time on 4th November 1970.

An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Ordinance (Chapter 230 of the Revised Edition) to provide for the use of the International System of Units to be included in the use of weights and measures in Singapore.

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, 1970, 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 Ordinance (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “only” appearing in the first line of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) thereof, and by inserting immediately after the word “yard” appearing at the end of the said paragraph the words “or the metre”;
- (b) by deleting the word “only” appearing in the first line of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) thereof, and by inserting immediately after the word “pound” appearing at the end of the said paragraph the words “or the

kilogramme”;

- (c) by deleting the word “only” appearing in the first line of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) thereof, and by inserting immediately after the word “gallon” appearing at the end of the said paragraph the words “or the litre”; and
- (d) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(3) For the purposes of this Ordinance, the units known as the metre, kilogramme and litre shall be the same units as set out in the Metrication Act, 1970.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Standard weights and measures to be deposited in the Treasury

3.—(1) There shall be deposited and safely kept in the Treasury copies of the standard weights and measures mentioned in Schedules A and B to this Ordinance as the Minister thinks fit and the weights and measures so deposited shall be the standard weights and measures of Singapore.

(2) Copies of such standard weights and measures shall also be deposited and safely kept in the Weights and Measures Unit of the Ministry of Finance and such copies shall be taken to be the correct standard weights and measures in all the courts of Singapore.”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Subsection (3) of section 5 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “fifty” and “one hundred” appearing in the fourth and in the fifth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words “five hundred” and “one thousand” respectively.

Amendment of section 7

5. Subsection (4) of section 7 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the word “fifty” appearing therein and substituting therefor the words “five hundred”.

Amendment of section 8

6. Section 8 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the

following: —

“(1) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint by name or office a sufficient number of inspectors for the discharge of the duties of inspectors under this Ordinance.”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) The Minister may appoint so many assistant inspectors as he may deem fit for the purpose of assisting inspectors in the discharge of duties under this Ordinance.”;

- (c) by re-numbering the existing subsection (2) thereof as subsection (3); and

- (d) by inserting immediately after the word “inspectors” appearing in subsection (3) thereof the words “and assistant inspectors”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 9

7. Section 9 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Power to inspect weights, measures, etc., and to enter premises

9.—(1) Every Magistrate, inspector of weights and measures, inspector of police and senior officer of customs may —

- (a) at all reasonable times inspect all weights, measures and instruments for weighing which are used by or in the possession of any person or on any premises or in any vehicle for trade;
- (b) compare every such weight and measure with the standard weight or measure;
- (c) seize and detain any weight, measure or instrument for weighing which in his opinion is liable to be forfeited in pursuance of this Ordinance; and
- (d) for the purpose of such inspection enter any place, whether a building or in the open air, whether open or enclosed, in which he has reasonable cause to believe there is any weight, measure or instrument for weighing which he is authorised by this Ordinance to inspect.

(2) Any person who neglects or refuses to produce for such inspection or who hides all weights, measures and instruments for weighing in his possession or on his premises, or who refuses to permit the Magistrate, inspector of weights and