STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1995 No. 226

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Units of Measurement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made - - - -	*31st May 1995*
Coming into operation	*3rd July 1995*

The Department of Economic Development, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to units of measurement to be used for economic, health, safety or administrative purposes, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Units of Measurement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 3rd July 1995.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the 1981 Order" means the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**4**);

"the 1980 Regulations" means the Units of Measurement Regulations 1980(**5**);

"the 1985 Act" means the Weights and Measures Act 1985(**6**); and

"the 1986 Regulations" means the Units of Measurement Regulations 1986(**7**).

(**1**) S.I. 1992/707
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(**5**) S.I. 1980/1070 as amended by S.I. 1986/1082
(**6**) 1985 c. 72
(**7**) S.I. 1986/1082 as amended by S.I. 1994/2867

Amendment of the 1986 Regulations on the coming into operation of these Regulations

3.—(1) On the coming into operation of these Regulations the 1986 Regulations shall be amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 in the definition of "supplementary indication", after the words "section 8(5A) of the Act" there shall be added the words "or in Article 6(7A) of the Order as the case may require.".

Amendment of the 1981 Order on the coming into c)operation of these Regulations

4.—(1) On the coming into operation of these Regulation the 1981 Order shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Article 6 for paragraph (7) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(7) This Article has effect subject to—

(a) paragraph (7A), and

(b) Articles 7 and 53.

(7A) Nothing in this Article precludes the use for trade of any supplementary indication; and for this purpose any indication of quantity ("the imperial indication") is a supplementary indication if—

(a) it is expressed in a unit of measurement other than a metric unit,

(b) it accompanies an indication of quantity expressed in a metric unit ("the metric indication") and is not itself authorised for use in the circumstances as a primary indication of quantity, and

(c) the metric indication is the more prominent, the imperial indication being, in particular, expressed in characters no larger than the metric indication.".

Amendment of the 1985 Act on 1st October 1995

5.—(1) On 1st October 1995 the 1985 Act shall be amended as follows.

(2) In section 1(6)(**8**) for the words "(which permits the pound to be used for the purposes of the sale of goods loose from bulk)." there shall be substituted the words "or, as the case may require, paragraph 5 of Part VI of Schedule 1 or paragraph 5 of Part VI of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (which permit the pound to be used for the purposes of the sale of goods loose from bulk).".

Amendment of the 1981 Order on 1st October 1995

6.—(1) On 1st October 1995 the 1981 Order shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Article 3 (Northern Ireland local standards) in paragraph (1) for the words "one gallon" there shall be substituted the words "8 pints".

(3) In Article 6 (Units of measurement, weights and measures lawful for use for trade) for paragraph (5) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(5) Without prejudice to paragraph (4)(c) an order under paragraph (4) shall not remove the pint from Part IV of Schedule 2.".

(4) In sub-paragraph (a) of Article 21(6) (exemption from requirements of Article 21)—

(a) in head (i) for the words "420 pounds" there shall be substituted the words "187.5 kilograms"; and

(b) in head (ii) for the words "5 gallons" there shall be substituted the words "25 litres".

(**8**) Section 1(6) is inserted into the 1985 Act by S.I. 1994/2867