1981 No. 206

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*26th June 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*10th August 1981*

The Department of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 19(2), (3) and (7) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 48(2) of that Order, with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and consideration of the representations made to it by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 10th August 1981.

(2) In this Order "edible fats" means—

(*a*) butter, margarine, any mixture of butter and margarine, and low fat spreads (butter or margarine substitutes);

(*b*) dripping and shredded suet;

(*c*) lard and compound cooking fat, and substitutes therefor;

(*d*) solidified edible oil (except in gel form).

Revocation

2.—(1) The Weights and Measures (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) shall cease to apply to edible fats.

(2) References to the Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**) in columns 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule to the Weights and Measures (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 shall be deleted.

(3) The Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 is hereby revoked.

Control of sale

3. Edible fats which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

Pre-Packing requirements

4. Subject to Article 5, edible fats shall be pre-packed—

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity exceeding 10kg, only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

50g, 125g, 250g, 500g or a multiple of 500g up to and including 4kg, or thereafter a multiple of 1kg up to and including 10kg; and

(*b*) only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(**b**) S.R. 1979 No. 197
(**c**) S.R. 1976 No. 288