1979 No. 409

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Potatoes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 22*nd November* 1979

Coming into operation . . . 21*st January* 1980

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974

The Department(**a**) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(2), (3) and (5) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation, in accordance with section 35(2) of the Act, 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 (Potatoes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 21st January 1980.

(2) In this Order "potatoes" means potatoes in the state in which they were harvested or in that state apart from cleaning.

Revocation

2.—(1) The Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**) is hereby revoked.

(2) Part VII of Schedule 2 to the Act, except paragraph 7 and paragraph 2 so far as is necessary for the interpretation of paragraph 7, shall cease to apply to potatoes.

Control of sale

3. Potatoes which are not pre-packed shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight.

Pre-packing requirements

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

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity exceeding 25 kg, only if made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 500 g, 1 kg, 1.5 kg, 2 kg, 2.5 kg or a multiple of 2.5 kg up to and including 15 kg, 20 kg, or 25 kg; and

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

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 287 (II, p. 1355)