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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *24th May* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . . *1st August* 1977

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

The Department(**a**) of Commerce, after consultation 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, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(2) and (3) 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, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1977.

(2) In this Order "dried fruits" means dried fruits of any one or more of the following descriptions, that is to say, apples (including dried apple rings), apricots, currants, dates, figs, muscatels, nectarines, peaches, pears (including dried pear rings), prunes, raisins, sultanas and dried fruit salad.

Revocation

2. The Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Control of sale

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

Pre-packing requirement

4. Dried fruits shall be pre-packed—

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 75g or exceeding 10kg, only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb, or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 125g, 250g, 375g, 500g, 1 kg, or a multiple of 1 kg; and

(*b*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 25g, 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. 197