1976 No. 351

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Tea) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 19*th November* 1976

Coming into operation . . . 1*st April* 1978

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), (3) and (5) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Tea) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1978.

(2) In this Order "tea" includes tea in a tea bag, and a "tea bag" means a permeable sealed bag, containing tea, which is intended to be immersed in water in the course of the preparation of tea to drink.

Revocation

2. Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall cease to apply to tea.

Control of sale

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

Requirements for pre-packed tea

4. Tea shall be pre-packed:

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 25g or exceeding 5kg, only if it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 2oz, 4oz, 8oz, 12oz, 1lb, 1½lb or a multiple of 1lb; or

(ii) 50g, 125g, 250g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 1.5kg, 2kg, 2.5kg, 3kg, 4kg or 5kg; 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.)