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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . *22nd June* 1976

Coming into operation . . . *1st January* 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) 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 this behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

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

Revocation

2. Part XI of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to apply to biscuits and shortbread.

Control of sale

3.—(1) Except where the quantity does not exceed 8 biscuits or 8 shortbread pieces, as the case may be, biscuits (other than wafer biscuits which are not cream-filled), and shortbread, being biscuits and shortbread which are not pre-packed, shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

(2) Wafer biscuits which are not cream-filled and which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by number.

Control of pre-packing

4.—(1) Subject to Articles 5 and 6, biscuits (other than wafer biscuits which are not cream-filled) shall be pre-packed:—

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 85 g or exceeding 5 kg, only if made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say:

(i) $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz, 7 oz, $10\frac{1}{2}$ oz, 14 oz, and subsequent multiples of $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz; or

(ii) 100 g, 125 g, 150 g, 200 g, 250 g, 300 g, and subsequent multiples of 100 g; or

(iii) if made up before 1st January 1981, 175 g; and

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)