"6. At a meeting of the Board one half of the members shall be the quorum and if the number so ascertained includes a fraction the nearest higher whole number of members but at any meeting at which it is resolved to impose a levy the said quorum of one half shall include one half of the members appointed as mentioned in paragraph 3(1)(*a*) of Schedule 1 to the Act."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 4th day of September 1967.

(L.S.) *W. G. H. Quigley,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This order, which is made under the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 alters the number of members required to form a quorum at meetings of industrial training boards.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH SEPTEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 4, 5, AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

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The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4(5), 5(1) and (3) and 8(1) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, Commencement and Revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 25th October 1967.

(2) The Regulations set out in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively:—

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Commerce;

"the Act" means the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

"approved pattern" means a pattern in respect of which a certificate of approval under section 6 of the Act is in force;

"authorised modification" means an approved pattern modified in accordance with an authorisation for the time being in force under the said section 6.

"automatic weighing machine" means a machine in which special self-acting machinery is introduced to effect an automatic feed, the rapid weighing of given loads, the registration and summation of loads, and other similar purposes or some of them;

"beam scale" means any equal-armed weighing instrument, the pans of which are below the beam;

"capacity" means, in relation to a weighing instrument, the maximum load which the instrument is constructed to weigh;

"counter machine" means any equal-armed weighing instrument of a capacity not exceeding 1 hundredweight, the pans of which are above the beam, and includes, together with the ordinary type, such instruments as are specially designed for counter use, and which do not exceed the said capacity;

"dead-weight machine" means any weighing instrument similar in principle of construction to a counter machine but of a capacity of one hundredweight or more, and includes—

(a) such an instrument with the weighing platform near to the ground and with the connecting stays or hooks above the beam and commonly known as a low pattern machine or cotton machine;

(b) such an instrument with the weighing platform at any convenient height and with the connecting stays or hooks below the beam, and commonly known as a high pattern machine or single machine;

(c) such an instrument which combines the characteristics of the instruments in (a) and (b) above commonly known as a double machine;

"error" in relation to a weighing instrument includes, save where the context otherwise requires, deficency in sensitiveness;

"the prescribed stamp" means the stamp prescribed by the Ministry by regulations made under the Act; and

"weighing instrument" means any weighing equipment other than a weight or counterpoise.

Application and prescriptions under section 5

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, these Regulations

shall apply to all weighing and measuring equipment for use for trade of the following classes:—

(*a*) linear measures;
(*b*) liquid capacity measures;
(*c*) dry capacity measures;
(*d*) weights;
(*e*) beam scales;
(*f*) balances;
(*g*) counter machines;
(*h*) spring balances;
(*i*) steelyards;
(*j*) dead-weight machines;
(*k*) platform weighing machines;
(*l*) weighbridges;
(*m*) crane weighing machines;
(*n*) automatic weighing machines;

and such equipment is hereby prescribed as equipment to which section 5 of the Act applies:

Provided that, in so far as they relate to the material of which any such equipment shall be made, these Regulations shall not apply to equipment for use in the manufacture of explosives.

(2) Nothing in these Regulations shall apply to any weighing or measuring equipment of the following descriptions:—

(*a*) weighing equipment for use by the public for weighing a person;
(*b*) weighing equipment for use only for weighing coins or currency notes for the purpose of determining their number.

Inspection and testing of weighing and measuring equipment for use for trade

4.—(1) Weighing and measuring equipment shall be submitted for testing and tested in a clean condition.

(2) Weighing or measuring equipment submitted for testing shall be complete in itself, and shall not bear a maker's mark or any trade mark which, in the opinion of the inspector, might reasonably be mistaken for the prescribed stamp.

Passing as fit for use for trade

5.—(1) No weighing or measuring equipment shall be passed as fit for use for trade unless—

(*a*) subject to paragraph (2), it complies with the appropriate requirements of these Regulations: and
(*b*) in the case of—
(i) a dry capacity measure with more than one purported value in terms of units of capacity measurement and commonly known as a double measure;
(ii) weighing or measuring equipment presenting any novel feature;
(iii) a weighing instrument with removable hooks (other than the hooks or bearings of swan-neck beams, or the hooks at the end of the steelyard indicators on weighing instruments constructed on the compound lever principle);
(iv) a counter machine with sliding counterpoises;
(v) a steelyard which is of the reversible type and has three hooks, or is constructed on the acclerating weighing instrument principle, or is of the counter type, or is constructed without a zero graduation or has a capacity of less than 56 pounds;