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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cran Measures

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 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:

Citation and Commencement

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

Interpretation

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

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

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Commerce; and

"the prescribed stamp" means the stamp prescribed by the Ministry by regulations made under the Act.

Application and prescription under section 5

3. These Regulations shall apply to quarter cran measures being measuring equipment for use in connection with trading in fresh herrings and such equipment is hereby prescribed as equipment to which section 5 of the Act applies.

Materials and Principles of Construction

4. A quarter cran measure shall be a basket measure or box measure which shall take one of the two forms A and B specified in the Schedule and it shall be constructed in the manner and be of the dimensions and materials specified therein.

Testing

5. A quarter cran measure shall be submitted for testing and tested in a clean condition. When submitted for testing it shall be complete in itself, and shall not bear a maker's mark or any mark which, in the opinion of the inspector, might reasonably be mistaken for the prescribed stamp or purports to be, or is likely to be misunderstood as or mistaken for, an indication of approval or guarantee of its accuracy.

Passing as fit for use for trade

6. No quarter cran measure shall be passed as fit for use for trade unless it conforms to the materials and principles of construction and to the specifications prescribed in these Regulations.

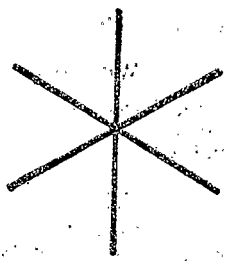
(a) 1967, c. 6 (N.I.).

Stamping

7. A quarter cran measure shall be stamped in the following manner with a hot iron having thereon a design in the form of the prescribed stamp. The iron shall be applied once on each of the two uprights of hardwood placed on the side of a basket measure, and once on the centre of the right end of a box measure.

Obliteration of Stamps

8. Stamps shall be obliterated by an inspector, in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations, by the application of a hot iron having thereon a six-pointed star design as shown in the following illustration:—



9. An inspector shall obliterate the stamp on any quarter cran measure which—

(*a*) fails to comply with the appropriate requirements of these Regulations; or

(*b*) since it was last stamped, has in his opinion had its accuracy affected by reason of any alteration, addition, adjustment or repair:

Provided that where a measure does not fully comply with the requirements of these Regulations, but the nature or degree of the non-compliance is not in the inspector's judgment such as to require the immediate obliteration of the stamp, he shall leave with the trader a notice calling on him to have the measure corrected within a stated period, not exceeding 28 days, and shall obliterate the stamp if the correction has not been made within such period.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 16th day of August 1967.

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