STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1886

TRADE DESCRIPTIONS

The Trade Descriptions (Indication of Origin) (Exemptions No. 1) Directions 1972

Made - - - *5th December* 1972

Coming into Operation *29th December* 1972

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1(5) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1972(**a**), hereby gives the following Directions:—

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Trade Descriptions (Indication of Origin) (Exemptions No. 1) Directions 1972, and shall come into operation on 29th December 1972.

(2) In these Directions—

"prepacked" means made up in advance ready for supply by retail in or on a container;

"food" includes drink, and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food and drink.

2. Subsection (2) of section 1 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1972 shall be excluded in relation to blends and mixtures of foods manufactured or produced in more than one country if any United Kingdom name or mark applied thereto, which that subsection would, but for the provisions of this paragraph, have required to be accompanied by an indication of the countries in which the foods were manufactured or produced, is accompanied by a conspicuous indication that the foods were manufactured or produced in more than one country and no country is specifically indicated as being a country in which any of the foods were manufactured or produced.

3. The said subsection shall be excluded in relation to sets of articles intended to be used for the same general purpose and prepacked for supply together, being articles which were not all manufactured or produced in the same country, if any United Kingdom name or mark applied thereto, which that subsection would, but for the provisions of this paragraph, have required to be accompanied by an indication of the countries in which the articles comprised in the set were manufactured or produced, is accompanied by a conspicuous indication that the articles were manufactured or produced in more than one country and no country is specifically indicated as being a country in which any of the articles was manufactured or produced.

(**a**) 1972 c. 34.

4. The said subsection shall be excluded in relation to goods of the following descriptions, that is to say—

(*a*) prepacked buttons and buckles;

(*b*) radio valves,

if any United Kingdom name or mark applied thereto, which that subsection would, but for the provisions of this paragraph, have required to be accompanied by an indication of the country in which the goods were manufactured or produced, is accompanied by "imported", "foreign" or other words indicating that the goods were manufactured or produced outside the United Kingdom appearing conspicuously.

5.—(1) In this paragraph—

"hallmark" includes a maker's mark registered at an Assay Office.

(2) The said subsection shall be excluded in relation to gold and silver articles if the only United Kingdom name or mark applied thereto, which that subsection would, but for the provisions of this paragraph, have required to be accompanied by an indication of the country in which the goods were manufactured or produced, is a hallmark.

6. The said subsection shall be excluded in relation to goods of the following descriptions, that is to say—

(*a*) books, periodicals, printed music and catalogues;

(*b*) petroleum, and the following products thereof, that is to say, liquid products, petroleum jelly, petroleum wax, greases and bitumen;

(*c*) seeds for sowing.

5th December 1972.

C. E. Coffin,
An Under Secretary of the
Department of Trade and Industry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Directions.*)

These directions exclude section 1(2) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1972 (which requires that a United Kingdom name or mark applied to imported goods be accompanied by an indication of the country of origin of those goods) in relation to books and periodicals, petroleum and petroleum products, seeds for sowing and certain gold and silver articles. They also permit alternative origin markings for blends and mixture of foods, sets of articles prepacked for supply together, prepacked buttons and buckles, and radio valves.

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