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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights (Amendment) Regulations 1971

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under sections 11(3), 14(1)(a), (b) and (c) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963**(a)**, and all other powers in that behalf enabling him, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights (Amendment) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 21st January 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Weights Regulations 1970**(c)** shall have effect subject to the following amendments:—

(*a*) for Regulation 2(2) there shall be substituted:—

"(2) In the case of weights which are first passed as fit for use for trade before 1st January 1972, the provisions of Parts II and III of these Regulations shall have effect subject to the provisions of Schedule 4 hereto.";

(*b*) for Regulation 6(1) there shall be substituted:—

"(1) No metric weight of less than 20 grammes and no imperial weight of less than 1 ounce shall have an adjusting hole.";

(*c*) for Regulation 7(3) there shall be substituted:—

"(3) No weight shall bear any marking other than:—

(i) the markings hereinbefore mentioned;

(ii) the name or mark of the maker;

(iii) the stamp applied by an inspector of weights and measures; or

(iv) in the case of a weight in use for trade before 21st January 1971, the name of the owner or an indication of his name.";

(a) 1963 c. 31. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1970/1370 (1970 III, p. 4584).

(*d*) in Schedule 2, paragraph 1(b), for "five per cent" there shall be substituted "ten per cent"; and

(*e*) in Schedule 4, paragraph 4 shall be omitted.

Nicholas Ridley,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry.

13th January 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Weights Regulations 1970.

Provision is made for adjusting holes in 20 gramme and one ounce weights and the permitted amount of taper in the width of the rectangular metric weights described in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations is increased from 5% to 10%.

Provision is also made for the continued use for trade of existing weights bearing the name of the owner or an indication of his name.

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