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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.

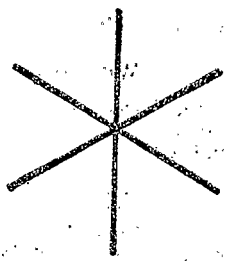
(a) 1967, c. 6 (N.I.).

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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SCHEDULE Regulation 4

Materials, principles of construction and specifications of quarter cran measures

PART I

Form A (Basket Measure)

A basket of a circular form, well bound, and composed of willows, pieces of hoopwood, hardwood, and cane, all of fresh quality, and of suitable size and strength, which shall, for convenience in use, have two cane handles. Such baskets shall be of the following dimensions:—

Interior diameter at bottom 14½ inches;
Interior diameter at mouth 17½ inches;
Diagonal measurement from inside the bottom to the inner side of the mouth 21½ inches;
Height inside 14½ inches;
Rise in the bottom 1½ inches.

The materials of which the basket shall be constructed shall conform to the following specification:—

WILLOWS

6 long lays in the bottom and side;
6 short sticks in the bottom;
20 stakes in the bottom and side;
18 bye-sticks in the side.

Hoopwood and Hardwood Uprights

Six pieces of hoopwood, each one inch broad, to be placed in the side at equal distances from each other and with their bark sides outermost; and two uprights of suitable hardwood, one of which shall be placed in the side in the centre of each of the spaces between the two ends of the handles, to be flat and smooth on the outside to receive the prescribed stamp, notched at the top and middle, and bevelled to the inside of the basket; each to be one and a half inches broad from the top to the middle notch, and thence tapering to the bottom. The said pieces of hoopwood and uprights shall be straight.

BINDING

The basket shall be well bound, and shall have strong and suitable binding and waling at the mouth and bottom, and a fitching of cane at each of the following places, namely:—

the lower edge of the bottom binding; the centre;
and the lower edge of the mouth binding.

PART II

Form B (Box Measure)

An oblong box constructed of properly seasoned fir or other suitable wood, well bound with iron hoops, secured by nails, all of suitable size and strength, which shall, for convenience in use, have two rope handles.

Such box shall be of the following dimensions:—

Length inside 31 inches;
Depth inside 7 inches;
Breadth inside 14¾ inches;
Sides and top ⅝ inch thick;
Ends ¾ inch thick;
Bottom ½ inch thick; and
Cross bottom openings not to exceed ½ inch in width.

The materials of which the box shall be constructed shall conform to the following specification:—

BLOCKS

Corner blocks inside, 7 inches long by 2½ inches square, with 1 inch bevelled off the inside corners, and similarly bevelled on both the clear sides of the top of those in front.

WOODEN STRAPS

Two bottom straps, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad; one middle strap $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and 4 inches broad.

LID

To be in two pieces; one a fixture 5 inches broad; the other moveable, fastened with two strong hinges, screw fastenings at the neck, and nailed; with suitable clamps.

BINDING

The box shall be strongly nailed and bound with 14 straps of iron hooping 1 inch wide, each fastened with 4 nails; 4 straps being on the sides, 4 on the front corners, 2 on the back corners, and 4 on the fixed portion of the top.

HANDLES

Handles to be of $\frac{7}{8}$ inch rope, with a double crown knot inside, the fag strands not to exceed 2 inches in length.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations will come into operation simultaneously with Parts I, II and V of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 on 25th October 1967.

The Regulations which apply to quarter cran measures used in connection with trading in fresh herrings deal with the materials, principles of construction, passing as fit for use for trade, stamping and obliteration of stamps on such measures.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Testing and Adjustment Fees

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 30 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(3) and 30 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 (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 25th October 1967.

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