1976 No. 197

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 22*nd June* 1976

Coming into operation . . . 1*st January* 1977

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974

The Department(a) of Commerce, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and consideration of the representations made to it by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(2) and (3) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977.

(2) In this Order "dried fruits" means dried fruits of any one or more of the following descriptions, that is to say, apples (including dried apple rings), apricots, currants, dates, figs, muscatels, nectarines, peaches, pears (including dried pear rings), prunes, raisins, sultanas and dried fruit salad.

Revocation

2. Part IX of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to apply to dried fruits.

Control of sale

3. Dried fruits which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

Pre-packing requirement

4. Dried fruits shall be pre-packed—

(*a*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 75g or exceeding 10kg, only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½lb, or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 125g, 250g, 385g, 500g, 1 kg, or a multiple of 1 kg; and

(*b*) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 25g, only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 22nd June 1976.

(L.S.) *W. T. McCrory*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides that Part IX of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall cease to apply to dried fruits, that is apples (including dried apple rings), apricots, currants, dates, figs, muscatels, nectarines, peaches, pears (including dried pear rings), prunes, raisins and sultanas and dried fruit salad on 1st January 1977, when the provisions of that Part are replaced by those of this Order.

Dried fruits may be pre-packed only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights. If not pre-packed such goods may be sold by retail only by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.