STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 815

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Exemption) (Beer and Cider) Order 1966

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - *6th July* 1966

Coming into Operation *11th July* 1966

Whereas the Board of Trade pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), have consulted with organisations appearing to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations with respect to the subject matter thereof made to them by such organisations :

And whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by Resolution of each House pursuant to section 54(3) of the Act :

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 21(5) of the Act hereby order as follows :—

1. Paragraph 2(*b*) of Part VI of Schedule 4 to the Act (which requires that beer or cider sold for consumption on the premises, and not sold in a closed container or as part of a mixture of liquids, be sold in a capacity measure) shall not apply where,

(i) the quantity of the liquor the subject of the sale is ascertained by means of a measuring instrument stamped in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Measuring Instruments (Intoxicating Liquor) Regulations 1965(**b**) ;

(ii) the liquor in question is delivered directly from the measuring instrument into the container in which it is intended the buyer should receive it ;

(iii) the liquor in question is so delivered after the buyer has ordered it ;

(iv) the measuring instrument (or that part of it from which the liquor is delivered) is installed in such a position that the delivery of the liquor into the container can readily be seen by customers in that part of the premises where the buyer ordered the liquor.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Exemption) (Beer and Cider) Order 1966 and shall come into operation on 11th July 1966.

6th July 1966.

George Darling,
Minister of State, Board of Trade.

(a) 1963 c. 31. (b) S.I. 1965/1815 (1965 III, p. 5478). (c) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made under the Weights and Measures Act 1963, affords an exemption from the requirement that draught beer or cider sold for consumption on the premises must be sold in a capacity measure,—in effect, in a stamped glass or mug.

The exemption only applies where the liquor is measured by an instrument which is designed to dispense a pre-determined quantity and which has been duly stamped by an inspector of weights and measures. The exemption is subject to limitations which give customers an opportunity to see their liquor being dispensed.

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