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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Great Britain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . *19th November 1992*

Coming into operation . . *1st January 1993*

The Department of Economic Development, being satisfied that it is proper, having regard to the law for the time being in force in Great Britain to provide by Order as set out in Article 2 and to designate Great Britain for the purposes of the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) (in this Order referred to as "the 1981 Order") mentioned in Article 3 in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 2(2)(**b**) and 9(1) and (13) of the 1981 Order and now vested in it(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Great Britain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1993.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Designation of Great Britain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Recognition of equipment stamped, or deemed to be stamped, in Great Britain

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), weighing or measuring equipment of any class prescribed under Article 9 of the 1981 Order shall be treated for the purposes of the 1981 Order as duly stamped in Northern Ireland under that Article if—

(*a*) it has been duly stamped under the Weights and Measures Act 1985(**e**); or

(*b*) it falls to be treated for the purposes of that Act as if so stamped.

(2) This Article shall not apply in the case of a non-automatic weighing instrument to which the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1992(**f**) apply and which is first stamped on or after 1st January 2003.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(**b**) *See* the definition of "designated country"
(**c**) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 356
(**e**) 1985 c. 72
(**f**) S.I. 1992/1579

Designation of Great Britain

3. Great Britain shall be a designated country for the purposes of Articles 5(2), 19(7)(*b*) and 23(1)(*c*) of the 1981 Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 19th November 1992.

(L.S.) *A. H. McAlister*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

A number of the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 ("the 1981 Order") relating to the regulation of trade and weighing or measuring equipment used for trade do not apply in relation to goods "for despatch to a destination outside Northern Ireland and any designated country".

This Order replaces the Weights and Measures (Designation of Great Britain) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969. The Order—

(*a*) continues to declare Great Britain to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and other provisions of the 1981 Order which refer to designated countries; and

(*b*) (except in the case of non-automatic weighing instruments to which the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1992 apply and which are first stamped on or after 1st January 2003) continues to provide that any weighing or measuring equipment which must be stamped by an inspector of weights and measures before it can be used for trade in Northern Ireland is to be treated as so stamped, if it is to be treated as validly stamped under the laws of Great Britain.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.