	£	s.	d.
Exceeding 10 kilogrammes, but not exceeding 50 kilogrammes, each machine	2	10	0
Exceeding 50 kilogrammes, but not exceeding 1 metric ton, each machine	4	4	0
Exceeding 1 metric ton, but not exceeding 10 metric tons, each machine	7	0	0
Exceeding 10 metric tons, each machine	8	15	0
Where an automatic weighing machine is fitted with two or more weighing units, each of which independently completes the weighing of the load, a fee (appropriate to the capacity marked on the machine) shall be payable in respect of each weighing unit.			
(3) *Totalising weighing machines (other than machines specified in* G(2) *above):*—			
Each machine	14	0	0
(4) *Egg-grading machines:*—			
Not exceeding 6 units, each machine	1	17	6
Exceeding 6 units, each machine	6	6	0

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations prescribe revised fees to be paid for the testing of weighing and measuring equipment, with a view to such equipment being passed as fit for use for trade and stamped. The fees are payable whether or not the equipment is passed as fit for use for trade and stamped.

The Regulations also prescribe the fees to be paid for the adjustment of weights and measures.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Marking

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 15(4) 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:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Marking) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 25th April 1969.

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

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any container required by any of the provisions of Schedule 2, 4, 5 or 6 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") to be marked with an indication of quantity, shall be so marked in the manner prescribed in these Regulations.

(2) Nothing in Regulations 3(2), 4(2) and 4(3) shall apply to the manner of marking any container of food.

3.—(1) The indication of quantity shall be marked in a prominent position on the container where it can be easily read and it shall not be obscured by any stamp, sticker, outer wrapper or in any other way.

(2) The indication of quantity may be marked on the base of the container only if there is no wording visible elsewhere on or through the outside of the container.

(3) Where the indication of quantity is not written on the container or on a label securely attached to the container, it must be so placed that it cannot be removed without opening some part of the container.

(4) Nothing in paragraph (2) shall apply to toilet preparations of the description set out in paragraph (1)(*c*) of Part V of Schedule 5 to the Act.

4.—(1) The indication of quantity shall be clear, legible and conspicuous.

(2) The indication of quantity shall be marked in characters which are not less than the size specified in the Schedule being the size appropriate to the size of the container:

Provided that, in the case of a fraction expressed in figures, the whole fraction, and not the individual figures comprising it, shall be deemed to be a character for the purposes of this provision.

(3) Fractions shall be distinct from any whole number with which they are associated and, if expressed in figures, shall not be written thus: 1-2.

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the indication of quantity shall be marked upon a plain background and in a colour which is in distinct and conspicuous contrast thereto:

Provided that, where by reason of the transparency of the container, the contents thereof are visible, the said contents shall be deemed to be the background for the purposes of this provision.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall prevent the indication of quantity from being marked in characters embossed in high or low relief, whether or not such characters are in contrast to the background, where the container bears no wording in a colour which contrasts with the background on which it is written:

Provided that:—

any wording on a stopper, lid or other closure which does not exceed two inches in length, breadth or diameter, as the case may be, shall not be taken into account for the purposes of this provision.

6.—(1) An indication of quantity by gross weight shall include the words "gross", "gross weight", "including container" or some other expression having the same effect.

(2) Where the word "net" or "gross" is incorporated in the indication of quantity, it shall not be written in an abbreviated form.

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the indication of quantity shall be marked in terms of imperial units or of imperial and metric units.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall prevent the marking in metric units only of any container of perfumery or toilet preparations, other than soap.

(3) Where the indication of quantity is marked in terms of imperial and metric units, the indication in terms of metric units shall be placed in close proximity to, but shall be distinct from, the indication in terms of imperial units.

8. No quantity in excess of:—

(*a*) 1 pound shall be expressed wholly in terms of ounces;

(*b*) 1 ounce shall be expressed wholly in terms of drams;

(*c*) 1 quart shall be expressed wholly in terms of fluid ounces.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 16th day of August 1967.

(L.S.) *W. L. Robinson,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE Regulation 4(2)

1. MINIMUM SIZE OF CHARACTERS CONSTITUTING THE INDICATION OF QUANTITY

Greatest dimension of container	Minimum height of characters
Not exceeding 2 inches	$^1/_{16}$ inch
Exceeding 2 inches but not exceeding 12 inches	$^3/_{32}$ inch
Exceeding 12 inches but not exceeding 18 inches	$^5/_{32}$ inch
Exceeding 18 inches but not exceeding 24 inches	$^5/_{16}$ inch
Exceeding 24 inches	$\frac{1}{2}$ inch

2. In this Schedule the expression "greatest dimension of container" means the height, length or breadth, whichever is the greatest, of a rectilinear or approximately rectilinear container, or the height or maximum diameter, whichever is the greater, of a container with a curvilinear or approximately curvilinear cross-section.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the manner in which indications of quantity are to be marked on containers which are required to be so marked by the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.