**1976 No. 327**

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

### Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

*Made* . . . . . 3*rd November* 1976

*Coming into operation* . . . 31*st December* 1976

The Department(a) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(4) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1976.

*Units of measurement and style of display*

**2.** The Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) shall have effect subject to the amendment that for Regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following:—

"**4.**—(1) The information as to the quantity comprised in each item for sale shall be given by the use of the same units of measurement as are used to indicate the quantity of that item in its container, in the case of milk, in compliance with paragraph 3(1)(*b*) of Part V of Schedule 2 to the Act, and, in the case of solid fuel, in compliance with paragraph 3(1)(*b*) of Part I of Schedule 4 thereto.

(2) The characters in which that information is displayed shall be clear and legible and shall be marked upon a plain background and in a colour which is a distinct and conspicuous contrast thereto.

(3) The characters in which that information is displayed shall be not less than 10 mm in height.

(4) A vulgar fraction shall be indicated by showing the numerator directly above the denominator and for the purpose of paragraph (3) shall be treated as a single character."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 3rd November 1976.

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

(a) formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.)1967 No. 222

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 which specify how vending machines for pre-packed milk and solid fuel shall display the information required by the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 about the quantity of each item therein for sale.

The principal amendments introduced by these Regulations require:

(1) the same units of measurement to be used in marking the machine as are used in marking the pre-packed containers within the machine;

(2) the minimum height of characters to be 10 mm instead of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.

The manner of marking quantity on the pre-packed containers must comply with the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Marking and Abbreviations of Units of Measurement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 102) or the Weights and Measures (Marking and Abbreviations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 155).