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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines

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 all other powers 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 25th April 1969.

Interpretation

2. "The Act" means the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Application

3. The information required to be displayed—

(*a*) in or on a milk vending machine by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part V of Schedule 2 to the Act and

(*b*) in or on a solid fuel vending machine by virtue of paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act

shall be displayed in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

Units of measurement and lettering to be used

4.—(1) The information as to the quantity comprised in each item for sale shall be given by the use of the following units of measurement—

(i) where the item comprises milk, and its price exceeds sixpence, the pint;

(ii) where the item comprises milk and its price is sixpence or less, the pint or the fluid ounce;

(iii) where the item comprises solid fuel, the pound.

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

(3) The characters in which that information is displayed shall be not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in height:

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.

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

(4) 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.

Location of information

5.—(1) The information referred to in Regulation 4 shall be displayed prominently so that a prospective buyer can read it easily and unless the information is displayed near to or upon an example of the relevant item or its container which is visible in the machine to a prospective buyer it shall be displayed as follows:—

(*a*) in the case of a machine by means of which a selection of items can be offered to prospective buyers, in a position near to or upon the device by which selection of the relevant item is effected; or

(*b*) in any other case in a position near to a coin slot.

(2) In the case of a machine by means of which a selection of items can be offered the said information shall be so displayed as to indicate clearly to which of any series of coin slots, press buttons, drawers or other selecting devices or to which selecting position of any single selecting device the information relates.

Statement of name and address of seller

6. The statement of the name and address of the seller which is required to be displayed if the machine is not on premises where the seller carries on business shall be clearly and legibly marked upon the machine in a position where it can be easily seen by a prospective buyer.

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

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 requires that where milk or solid fuel is offered for sale by means of a vending machine an indication of the quantity of goods comprised in each item for sale shall be displayed on the machine. The Act also requires that in certain cases the name and address of the seller must be displayed upon the machine.

These Regulations specify how and where this information is to be displayed.