1992 No. 485

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . 19th November 1992

Coming into operation . . 1st January 1993

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37 and 38 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 48(4) of that Order, with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1993.

Amendment of the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

2. The Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(**c**) shall be amended, in Schedule 4 as follows—

(*a*) in paragraph 1(1)—

(i) after head (*a*) there shall be added the following head—

"(*aa*) "the 1992 Regulations" mean the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1992(**d**);";

(ii) in head (*b*)(ii) after the words "United Kingdom" there shall be added the words "or an EC type-approval certificate within the meaning of the 1992 Regulations";

(iii) for head (*c*) there shall be substituted the following head—

"(*c*) in relation to weighing equipment, 'approved minimum load'—

(**a**) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(**b**) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(**c**) S.R. 1990 No. 410
(**d**) S.I. 1992/1579.

(i) in the case of weighing equipment of an approved pattern, means the minimum load for which the pattern has been approved, and

(ii) in the case of a non-automatic weighing instrument, means the minimum load for which the type has been granted approval;'';

(iv) at the end of head (*d*) the word ''and'' shall be omitted and, at the end of head (*e*) for the full stop there shall be substituted''; and'';

(v) after head (*e*) there shall be added the following head—

''(*f*) 'non-automatic weighing instrument' means a non-automatic weighing instrument which is for the time being of an approved type within the meaning of the 1992 Regulations.'';

(*b*) in paragraph 2, after the words ''Directive 73/360/EEC'' there shall be added the words ''or which bears the sticker defined in regulation 2(1) of the 1992 Regulations,'';

(*c*) in heads (*c*) and (*d*) of paragraph 2(1) and head (*b*) of paragraph 2(2), after the words ''machine of an approved pattern'' in each place where they occur, there shall be added the words ''or a non-automatic weighing instrument, in either case'';

(*d*) in paragraph 2(2), in the Note to Table 3: BEAM SCALES, after the words ''that Directive'', there shall be added the words ''; and references—

(*a*) to Class B machines include references to beam scales marked with the symbol (II) or (II) ; and

(*b*) to Class C machines include references to beam scales marked with the symbol (III) or (III) ,

in accordance with Council Directive No. 90/384/EEC(**a**)).'';

(*e*) in paragraph 7, after the word ''verification'', there shall be added the words ''or the sticker defined in regulation 2(1) of the 1992 Regulations,''; and

(*f*) in heads (*b*) and (*c*) of paragraph 7(1), after the words ''machine of an approved pattern'' in each place where they occur, there shall be added the words ''or a non-automatic weighing instrument, in either case''.

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

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(**a**) O.J. L189, 20.7.90, page 1 as corrected by the corrigendum published in O.J. No. L258, 22.9.90, p. 35

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 by amending the categories of equipment prescribed for use in making up and checking regulated packages under Part VI of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 so as to include instruments complying with the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1992 which implemented the Council Directive 90/384/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws relating to non-automatic weighing machines.