STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 875

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order 1974

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - 20*th May* 1974

Coming into Operation 2*nd September* 1974

Whereas the Secretary of State pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to him by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order:

And whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 54(3) of the Act:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 21(2)(*a*) and (3) of the Act and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 2nd September 1974.

(2) In this Order "wine" and "British wine" have the same meanings respectively as for the purposes of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(**c**).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Except where it is sold—

(*a*) pre-packed in a securely closed bottle; or

(*b*) in a glass or other vessel from which it is intended to be drunk;

wine and British wine shall be sold by retail for consumption on the premises at which it is sold only by capacity measurement.

Alan Williams,
Minister of State,
Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

20th May 1974.

(**a**) 1963 c. 31.
(**b**) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).
(**c**) 1952 c. 44.
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order requires that wine, when sold on the premises on which it is to be consumed otherwise than pre-packed in a securely closed bottle or in a drinking glass, shall be sold by capacity measurement i.e. one of the units of measurement of capacity in Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963.

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