1979 No. 197

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . *8th June* 1979

Coming into operation . . . . *31st July* 1979

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974

The Department(a) of Commerce, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and consideration of the representations made to it by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 15(2), (3) and (5) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1979.

2. An Order specified in column 1 of the Schedule shall have effect after the date, or the date appropriate to the goods in question, specified in relation to that Order in column 2 of the Schedule as if the provision specified in column 3 of the Schedule were omitted as respects all goods to which the Order applies or, as the case may be, as respects the relevant goods referred to in column 1.

3. Section 16(2) of the Act, as it applies for the purposes of section 15(2)(*c*) of the Act in relation to goods to which an Order so specified applies being goods pre-packed in imperial quantities specified in the provision of that Order specified in column 3 of the Schedule, shall not apply—

(*a*) in the case of goods pre-packed in Northern Ireland on or before the date or appropriate date specified in column 2 of the Schedule and goods imported into Northern Ireland on or before that date and pre-packed before importation, in relation to all persons;

(*b*) in the case of goods pre-packed in Northern Ireland after that date and goods imported into Northern Ireland after that date and pre-packed before importation, in relation to any person other than—

(i) where the goods were pre-packed in Northern Ireland, the person who pre-packed them and if he pre-packed them on behalf of another person, that other person;

(ii) where the goods were imported into Northern Ireland, the person who imported them and if he imported them on behalf of another person, that other person.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36, s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 8th June 1979.

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

SCHEDULE Article 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Weights and Measures (Pasta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. 1973 No. 502)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Salt) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. 1973 No. 503)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. 1975 No. 281)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Dried Vegetables) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. 1975 No. 311)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Flour and Flour Products) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. 1975 No. 312)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 198)	31st July 1979	Article 4(1)(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 288)		
(*a*) Goods described in Article 1(2)(*a*) of the Order	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
(*b*) Goods described in Article 1(2)(*c*) and (*d*) of the Order, and dripping	29th September 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
(*c*) Shredded Suet	31st December 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Tea) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 351)	31st December 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)
Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. 1977 No. 146)	31st July 1979	Article 4(*a*)(i)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order ends the permitted use of imperial quantities in the pre-packing of various goods by amending the

Weights and Measures (Pasta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973

Weights and Measures (Salt) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973

Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1975

Weights and Measures (Dried Vegetables) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975

Weights and Measures (Flour and Flour Products) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975

Weights and Measures (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Weights and Measures (Tea) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

After the several dates in column 2 of the Schedule the prescribed ranges of imperial weights in which the relevant goods may be pre-packed are withdrawn.

Provision is made for the exclusion, for all persons, from the offences connected with selling, agreeing to sell, or being in possession for sale of the various goods when pre-packed in Northern Ireland, or imported into Northern Ireland and pre-packed before importation, in imperial quantities on or before the dates in question.

Where the various goods were pre-packed in Northern Ireland, or imported into Northern Ireland and prepacked before importation, in imperial quantities after those dates, the application of those offences is restricted to the persons who pre-packed or imported the goods and those persons on whose behalf the goods were pre-packed or imported.

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Use of Roads (Cairncastle Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.