STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 122

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1965

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The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by sections 33(3) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

1. All weighing equipment kept available under section 33(3) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 for use by any prospective buyer for the purpose of making known to him the weight of any goods shall be of the description prescribed in regulation 2 of these Regulations.

2.—(1) The weighing equipment shall consist of either a self-indicating counter machine or a spring balance, that is to say, a counter machine or a spring balance fitted with a dial marked with graduations which indicate a series of weights.

(2) The difference between the weights indicated by consecutive graduations shall not exceed ¼ ounce.

(3) Any goods plate, pan or scoop forming part of the equipment shall be so fitted that it cannot readily be removed.

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1965.

28th January 1965.

George Darling,
Minister of State,
Board of Trade.

(a) 1963 c. 31.

(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the kind of weighing equipment which may be provided under the Weights and Measures Act 1963 for use by customers.

A retailer who sells pre-packed fresh fruit or vegetables in circumstances in which the Act requires him to make known their gross weight to the buyer (see Schedule 4, Part VII, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5) may comply with that requirement by providing equipment of the kind prescribed by these Regulations and otherwise complying with the provisions of section 33.

The provision of equipment of this kind for use by customers will also satisfy a requirement to make known the weight of goods in other cases which may be specified in orders made by the Board of Trade under section 33(3) of the Act.