STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 33(3) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963**(a)** (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him**(b)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1977.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1965**(c)** are hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889**(d)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Regulations and the Regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. All weighing equipment kept available under section 33(3) of the Act 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 3 below.

3.—(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 imperial weights or metric weights or both imperial and metric weights.

(2) The difference between the weights indicated by consecutive graduations—

(*a*) in a metric series, shall not exceed 10 grammes, and

(*b*) in an imperial series, shall not exceed ¼ ounce.

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

John Fraser,
Minister of State,
Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

2nd December 1976.

(a) 1963 c. 31.
(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).
(c) S.I. 1965/122 (1965 I, p. 229).
(d) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations supersede the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1965 and prescribe the kind of weighing equipment which may be provided in accordance with section 33(3) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 for the use of customers to satisfy in certain cases the requirement to make known the weight of goods sold.

The principal change is that if the dial of the equipment has markings in metric units, the weight increments indicated by consecutive graduations are not to exceed 10 grammes.

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