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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 231**

**Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

**PART V**

**REGULATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS IN GOODS**

**Powers of inspector with respect to certain documents**

**27.**—(1) An inspector, subject to the production, if so requested, of his credentials, may require the person in charge of any document required by or under this Order to be associated with any goods to produce that document for inspection.

(2) If the inspector has reasonable cause to believe that any document produced to him under paragraph (1) contains any inaccurate statement, he may either—

- (a) seize and detain the document, giving in exchange therefor a statement signed by him certifying that the document has been seized and giving particulars of the document and particulars of any inaccuracy alleged; or
- (b) without prejudice to any proceedings which may be taken by reason of any inaccuracy alleged, make on the document an endorsement signed by him giving particulars of any such inaccuracy;

and any reference in this Order to any such document shall be deemed to include a reference to a statement given in pursuance of sub-paragraph ( a ).

(3) Where, in the case of any goods being carried on a road vehicle, the whole of the vehicle's load is being carried for, or for delivery after, sale to the same person, and any document produced in pursuance of paragraph (1) by the person in charge of the vehicle purports, or is required by or under this Order, to state the quantity of the goods, then, for the purpose of the exercise of his powers under Article 26(1), the inspector may do all or any of the following things, that is to say—

- (a) require the goods to which the document relates to be unloaded from the vehicle;
- (b) require the vehicle to be taken to the nearest suitable and available weighing or measuring equipment;
- (c) require the person in charge of the vehicle to have it check-weighed.

(4) The powers conferred by paragraph (3) shall be exercised only to such extent as may appear to the inspector reasonably necessary in order to secure that the provisions of this Order and any instrument made under it are duly observed.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, Section 27.