

1975 No. 281

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1975***Made . . . . . 3rd October 1975**Coming into operation in accordance with the provisions of  
Article 1**To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of  
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department<sup>(a)</sup> 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) and (3) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967<sup>(b)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1975, and (except in relation to goods described in Article 2(1)(b) and (c)) shall come into operation on 1st December 1975.

(2) In relation to goods described in Article 2(1)(b) and (c) this Order shall come into operation on 1st August 1977.

*Interpretation and revocation*

2.—(1) The goods to which this Order applies are:

- (a) cereal breakfast foods in flake form, other than cereal biscuit breakfast foods;
- (b) flour of oats; and
- (c) oatflakes and oatmeal,

being goods in relation to which this Order has come into operation.

(2) Part VIII and Part IX of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to apply to goods to which this Order applies.

*Control of sale*

3. Goods to which this Order applies which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

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<sup>(a)</sup> Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 section 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

<sup>(b)</sup> 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)

4. Goods to which this Order applies shall be pre-packed—
- (a) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 50g or exceeding 10kg, only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—
    - (i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb or multiple of 1 lb, or
    - (ii) 125g, 250g, 375g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 1.5kg or a multiple of 1kg, and
  - (b) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 15g, only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 3rd October 1975.

(L.S.)

*Ernest Simpson*  
*Assistant Secretary*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.*

This Order provides that Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall cease to apply to breakfast cereals in flake form on 1st December 1975 and to flour of oats, oatflakes and oatmeal on 1st August 1977. After the relevant date, the provisions in the Schedule relating to those goods are replaced by the provisions of this Order.

Such goods may be pre-packed only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights. The reference to metric units is new.