

1979 No. 421

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Isle of Man) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 29th November 1979

Coming into operation 1st January 1980

The Department(a) of Commerce, being satisfied that it is proper, having regard to the law for the time being in force in the Isle of Man, to provide by Order as set out in Article 2 and to designate the Isle of Man for the purposes of the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") mentioned in Article 3, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 5(8) and 41(1) of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Isle of Man) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

Stamped equipment

2. Weighing and measuring equipment of any class prescribed under section 5 of the Act shall be treated for the purposes of the Act as duly stamped in Northern Ireland under that section if—

- (i) it has been duly stamped under the Weights and Measures (Isle of Man) Act 1971(c); or
- (ii) it falls to be treated for the purposes of that Act as so stamped:

Designation of the Isle of Man

3. The Isle of Man shall be a designated country for the purposes of sections 3(2), 15(5)(b) and 19(1)(c) of the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 29th November 1979.

(L.S.)

W. T. McCrory
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
 (b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
 (c) 1971 c. 36 (Act of Tynwald)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

A number of provisions of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 which apply to the regulation of trade, and weighing and measuring equipment in use for trade, do not apply to goods "for despatch to a destination outside Northern Ireland and any designated country".

This Order declares the Isle of Man to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and the other sections of the Act which refer to designated countries and removes the exemption where the Isle of Man is concerned. The provisions described will in future apply to goods intended for despatch to the Isle of Man as they do to goods intended for despatch to Great Britain which was similarly designated in 1969 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 356 (p. 1656)), or to goods intended for sale in Northern Ireland.

The Order also provides that any weighing and measuring equipment which must be stamped by an inspector of weight and measures before it can be used for trade in Northern Ireland is to be treated as so stamped if it is to be treated as validly stamped in accordance with the law of the Isle of Man.