

1979 No. 454

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**Weights and Measures (Bread) (Termination of Imperial Quantities)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 20th December 1979*Coming into operation* 11th February 1980*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department(a) 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), (3) and (5) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Bread) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 11th February 1980.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

“bread” means bread in any form other than breadcrumbs and includes the following, and any part of any of the following, that is to say, fancy loaves and milk loaves; and

“loaf” includes a roll and a bap;

and for the purposes of this Order any pre-packed sliced bread shall be deemed to be a whole loaf of bread and the pre-packing of sliced bread in any quantity by net weight shall be deemed to be the making for sale of a whole loaf of bread of that net weight.

Revocation

2.—(1) Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Act shall cease to have effect.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Bread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) is hereby revoked.

Control of sale

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), bread of any description other than a whole loaf shall be sold only by net weight.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any bread sold in a quantity of 300 g or less.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 306 (II, p. 1515)

Control of making for sale

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a whole loaf of bread of a net weight exceeding 300 g shall be made for sale only if it is of a net weight of 400 g or a multiple of 400 g.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any sale in pursuance of a contract for the supply of bread for consumption on the premises of the buyer if the contract provides for each delivery of bread under it to be of a specified aggregate quantity of not less than 25 kg and for the weighing of the bread on delivery.

Exemption

5. Section 16(2) of the Act (as it applies for the purposes of section 15(2)(c) of the Act in relation to bread made for sale of a net weight of 14 oz or a multiple of 14 oz) shall not apply—

(a) in the case of bread made on or before 11th February 1980 for sale, in relation to all persons;

(b) in the case of bread made on or after that date for sale, in relation to any person other than the person who made the bread for sale and, if he made the bread for sale on behalf of another person, that other person.

Substitution

6. For paragraph 3(2) of Part XI of Schedule 2 to the Act there shall be substituted—

“(2) Bread within the meaning of the Weights and Measures (Bread) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979;”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 20th December 1979.

(L.S.)

W. T. McCrory
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order supersedes Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (as amended by the Weights and Measures (Bread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976) relating to bread.

It withdraws on and after 11th February 1980 the prescribed imperial quantities in which whole loaves of bread weighing over 300 g may be made for sale. Such loaves may on or after that date be made for sale only in a net weight of 400 g or a multiple of 400 g, instead of 14 oz (approximately 397 g) or a multiple thereof.

Offences when related to bread made for sale after 11th February 1980 are restricted to bakers and those on whose behalf the bread was made for sale.