

1981 No. 394

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**Weights and Measures (Grain and Farinaceous Products)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1981***Made* 10th December 1981*Coming into operation* 1st January 1982

The Department of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 19(2), (3) and (7) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 48(2) of that Order, 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, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Grain and Farinaceous Products) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "grain and farinaceous products" means barley kernels, pearl barley, rice (including ground rice and rice flakes), sago, semolina and tapioca.

Revocation

3. Part V of Schedule 3 to the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 shall cease to apply to grain and farinaceous products and references to those products in that Schedule shall be deleted.

Control of sale

4. Grain and farinaceous products which are not pre-packed shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight.

Pre-packing requirements

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), grain and farinaceous products shall be pre-packed 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 a multiple of 1-lb; or
- (ii) 125g, 250g, 375g, 500g or a multiple of 500g.

(2) There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (1) products made up in quantities of 75g or less and more than 10 kg.

Quantity marking

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), grain and farinaceous products shall be pre-packed only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

(2) There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (1) products made up in quantities of less than 15 g.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 10th December 1981.

(L.S.)

W. T. McCrory

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order implements the requirements of Council Directive No. 80/232/EEC (OJ No. L51, 25.2.80, p.1). It prescribes a range of metric as well as imperial quantities and makes provision for quantity marking for various pre-packed grain and farinaceous products. It also, with other requirements, supersedes Part V of Schedule 3 to the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 which will cease to have effect as respects the products covered. The products covered by the Order are barley kernels, pearl barley, rice (including ground rice and rice flakes), sago, semolina and tapioca.

The Order provides that:

- (a) products which are not pre-packed shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight (Art. 4);
- (b) products made up in quantities of more than 75g (approximately $2\frac{6}{10}$ oz) and not more than 10 kg (approximately 22 lb) are to be pre-packed only in prescribed imperial or metric weights (Art. 5);
- (c) products made up in quantities of 15g (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) or more are to be pre-packed only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight (Art. 6).