

1989 No. 407

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Knitting Yarns) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1989

Made 13th October 1989

Coming into operation 1st January 1990

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 19(2) and (3) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and now vested in it(b) 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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Knitting Yarns) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1990.

(2) In this Order, “knitting yarns” means any knitting yarns consisting of natural fibres (animal, vegetable or mineral), chemical fibres, or any mixture of such fibres.

Prescribed weight range for knitting yarns

2.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Order, knitting yarns shall be pre-packed only in one of the following quantities by net weight in grams, that is to say — 10, 25, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 1000.

(2) The quantities prescribed in paragraph (1) shall be the sum of the anhydrous mass of the yarn and the appropriate recovery factor specified in Schedule 3 to the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1986(c).

(3) There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (1) knitting yarn pre-packed in Northern Ireland or imported pre-packed into Northern Ireland before 1st January 1990.

(a) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)

(b) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4

(c) S.I. 1986/26

Multipacks

3. Where the contents of the container in which any knitting yarn to which this Order applies is pre-packed consist of two or more packs of knitting yarn, the quantities specified in Article 2(1) shall apply—

- (a) to the container, if the packs are not intended to be sold individually; and
- (b) to the packs, if they are intended to be sold individually.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 13th October 1989.

(L.S.)

R. G. Smartt

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order implements the requirements of Council Directive No. 87/356/EEC (OJ No. L192, 11.7.1987, p. 48). The Order provides that knitting yarns are to be pre-packed only in prescribed metric quantities.

Contravention of Article 2 or 3 of this Order is an offence under Article 20(2) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981. The penalty on summary conviction of such an offence is a fine not exceeding £2,000.