

**2004 No. 371**

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

*Made* - - - - - *27th August 2004*

*Coming into operation* *1st October 2004*

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 9(1) and (3) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981<sup>(b)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st October 2004.

**Amendment of the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

2. The Table in Schedule 2 to the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998<sup>(d)</sup> shall be amended as follows:

- (a) in the column headed “(1)”, by the substitution for “100 ml” of “100 ml, 70 ml\*”; and
- (b) in the column headed “(2)”, by the deletion of the words “½ gal.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 27th August 2004.

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(a) Formerly the Department of Economic Development; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Art. 3(5)  
(b) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10), Article 9(3) was amended by 2000 c. 5 (N.I.), section 1 and paragraph 3 to the Schedule  
(c) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11), Art. 4  
(d) S.R. 1998 No. 48

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 so as to prescribe, and provide limits of error for, certain thimble measures of 70 millilitres for serving spirits (gin, rum, vodka and whiskey) (regulation 2).

The Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 provides for a single capacity measure of 70 millilitres to be used for dispensing a double measure. This amendment is provided as a result of changes to the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 by the Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and to the Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 by the said Order of 1994 which enabled a 35 millilitre measure of spirits to be sold for consumption on licensed premises.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the costs and benefits which will result from these Regulations has been prepared. Copies can be obtained from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Trading Standards Service, 176 Newtownbreda Road, Belfast BT8 6QS.

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