



Weights and Measures Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 72

PART IV

REGULATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN GOODS

Transactions in particular goods

22 Orders relating to transactions in particular goods.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make provision with respect to any goods specified in the order for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, to ensure that, except in such cases or in such circumstances as may be so specified, the goods in question—
- (a) are sold only by quantity expressed in such manner as may be so specified,
 - (b) are pre-packed, or are otherwise made up in or on a container for sale or for delivery after sale, only if the container is marked with such information as to the quantity of the goods as may be so specified,
 - (c) are pre-packed, or are otherwise made up for sale or for delivery after sale, only in or on a container of a size or capacity so specified,
 - (d) are sold, or are pre-packed, or are otherwise made up in or on a container for sale or for delivery after sale, or are made for sale, only in such quantities as may be so specified,
 - (e) are not sold without the quantity sold expressed in such manner as may be so specified being made known to the buyer at or before such time as may be so specified,
 - (f) are sold by means of, or are offered or exposed for sale in, a vending machine only if there is displayed on or in the machine—
 - (i) such information as to the quantity of the goods in question comprised in each item for sale by means of that machine as may be so specified, and
 - (ii) a statement of the name and address of the seller,

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- (g) are carried for reward only in pursuance of an agreement made by reference to the quantity of the goods in question expressed in such manner as may be so specified,
 - (h) in such circumstances as may be so specified, have associated with them in such manner as may be so specified a document containing a statement of the quantity of the goods in question expressed in such manner, and a statement of such other particulars, if any, as may be so specified, or
 - (i) when carried on a road vehicle along a highway are accompanied by a document containing such particulars determined in such manner as may be so specified as to the weight of the vehicle and its load apart from the goods in question.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) above may be made with respect to any goods, including goods to which any of the provisions of Schedule 4, 5, 6, or 7 to this Act applies, and may—
- (a) make provision for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) above in such manner, whether by means of amending, or of applying with or without modifications, or of excluding the application in whole or in part of, any of the provisions of this Act ^{F1}... or of any previous order under subsection (1) or otherwise,
 - (b) make such, if any, different provision for retail and other sales respectively, and
 - (c) contain such consequential, incidental or supplementary provision, whether by such means as mentioned in paragraph (a) above or otherwise,
- as may appear to the Secretary of State to be expedient, and may in particular make provision in respect of contraventions of the order for which no penalty is provided by this Act for the imposition of penalties not exceeding those provided by section 84(6) below for an offence under this Act.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by paragraph (c) of subsection (1) above, an order made by virtue of that paragraph—
- (a) may require a container to be marked with such information concerning it or its contents as is specified in the order, and
 - (b) in order to prevent size or capacity from giving a false impression of the quantity of the goods in a container, may prescribe a minimum quantity for the goods in a container of a given capacity.
- (4) The minimum quantity referred to in subsection (3)(b) above may be expressed in the order by weight or volume, by percentage of the capacity of the container or in any other manner.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 22(2)(a) omitted (6.4.2006) by virtue of [The Weights and Measures \(Packaged Goods\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/659\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#) (with reg. 21)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 21, 22, 23: power to modify or exclude conferred by [Weights and Measures &c. Act 1976 \(c. 77\)](#), SIF 131), s. 12(1)(2)

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