

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1753

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1969

Made - - - 8th December 1969

Coming into Operation 1st January 1970

Whereas the Board of Trade are satisfied that it is proper, having regard to the law for the time being in force in Northern Ireland,—

- (i) to provide that any weighing and measuring equipment of the classes described in Article 2 of this Order which has been duly stamped in accordance with that law or which is to be regarded as so stamped for the purposes of that law shall be treated for the purposes of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) as if it had been duly stamped in Great Britain under section 11 of the Act; and
- (ii) to designate Northern Ireland for the purposes of the provisions of the Act mentioned in Article 3 of this Order:

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by sections 11(9) and 58(1) of the Act and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1970.

2. Weighing and measuring equipment of any class prescribed under section 11 of the Act shall be treated for the purposes of the Act as duly stamped in Great Britain under that section if—

- (i) it has been duly stamped under the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b); or
- (ii) falls to be treated for the purposes of that Act as so stamped.

3. Northern Ireland shall be a designated country for the purposes of sections 9(2), 21(5) (b), 25(1) (c) and 28(1) of the Act.

Gwyneth Dunwoody,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Board of Trade.

8th December 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 does not generally extend to Northern Ireland which has its own weights and measures legislation.

A number of the provisions of the 1963 Act relating to the regulation of trade and weighing and measuring equipment used for trade do not apply in relation to goods "for despatch to a destination outside Great Britain and any designated country".

This Order declares Northern Ireland to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and the other sections of the Act which refer to designated countries. The principal effect is that the provisions described above will in future apply in relation to goods intended for the Northern Ireland market.

The Order also provides that any weighing and measuring equipment which must be stamped by an inspector of weights and measures before it can be used for trade in Great Britain is to be treated as so stamped if it is to be treated as validly stamped under the law of Northern Ireland.