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## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## ADMINISTRATION

**The Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1969**

<i>Made</i> . . . . .	27th January 1969
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	31st January 1969
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st February 1969

The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by sections 11(3), 14(1), 47 and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1969, and shall come into operation on 1st February 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Weights and Measures Regulations 1963(c), as amended(d), shall have effect as if—

(a) at the end of Regulation 8(2) there were added the following proviso :—

“ Provided that nothing in sub-paragraph (c) or (d) of this paragraph shall require an inspector to obliterate the stamp on any weighing instrument which in his opinion has been altered or adjusted only for the purpose of converting it to compute prices in a decimal currency if he is satisfied

(i) that within the period of fifteen days following the making of the alteration or adjustment the requirements of paragraph (6) of this Regulation were complied with ; or

(ii) that the period for complying with those requirements has not yet expired.” ;

(b) paragraph (5) of Regulation 8 were omitted and the following further paragraphs were added at the end of that Regulation :—

“ (5) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall require an inspector to obliterate the stamp on any avoirdupois weight of the bell type which was first stamped before 1st January 1954 and which falls within the prescribed limits of error.

(6) The requirements referred to in the proviso to paragraph (2) of this Regulation are that the chief inspector of weights and measures for the area in which the machine will first be used for trade after it has been altered or adjusted or, if the address at which it will be

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(a) 1963 c. 31. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1963/1710 (1963 III, p. 3286).  
 (d) The amendments have no relevance to the present Regulations.

so used is not known, for the area in which the alteration or adjustment is carried out, is furnished by the person carrying out the alteration or adjustment with the following particulars, namely,—

- (i) his name and address ;
- (ii) particulars by which the instrument may be identified ; and
- (iii) the name and address of the person who will first use the instrument for trade after its alteration or adjustment and the address at which it will be so used or, if those particulars are not known, an address at which the instrument will be available for inspection.

(7) Where the alteration or adjustment of an instrument for the purpose of converting it to compute prices in a decimal currency involves the carrying out of two or more operations and the instrument is used, or intended to be used, for trade between the carrying out of those operations, each such operation shall be treated for the purposes of the proviso to paragraph (2) of this Regulation as a separate alteration or adjustment.” ; and

- (c) there were substituted for paragraph (a) of the proviso to Regulation 46(1) the following:—

“(a) until 1st February 1974 metric weights which were first stamped before 31st January 1964 may bear the abbreviation ‘grm’ ;”.

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to the Board of Trade.

27th January 1969.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations further amend the Weights and Measures Regulations 1963.

They make provision for price computing weighing instruments which are altered for the purpose of converting them to compute prices in a decimal currency. Inspectors of Weights and Measures will not be required to obliterate the stamps on such instruments merely because they have been altered for that purpose if notice is given to the chief inspector of weights and measures for the appropriate area within fifteen days of the carrying out of the alteration.

They also—

- (i) extend until 31st January 1974 the period during which metric weights stamped before 31st January 1964 and bearing the abbreviation “grm” may lawfully be used ; and
- (ii) extend the provisions permitting the use of *avoirdupois* weights of the bell type falling within the prescribed limits of error (other than those described in Schedule 3 of the Weights and Measures Regulations 1963). Such weights may now be used if they were first stamped before 1st January 1954. Hitherto such weights could only be used while they still bore a stamp applied before that date.