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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - - 16th July 1975**Coming into Operation in accordance with the provisions of Article 1*

Whereas the Secretary of State pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to her to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to her by such organisations with respect to the subject matter of this Order:

And whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 54(3) of the Act: Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 21(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and now vested in her(b) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975 and (except in relation to goods described in Article 2(1)(b) and (c)) shall come into operation on 1st November 1975.

(2) In relation to goods described in Article 2(1)(b) and (c) this Order shall come into operation on 1st August 1977.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) The goods to which this Order applies are—

- (a) cereal breakfast foods in flake form, other than cereal biscuit breakfast foods;
- (b) flour of oats; and
- (c) oatflakes and oatmeal,

being goods in relation to which this Order has come into operation.

(2) Part VIII and Part IX of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to goods to which this Order applies.

3. Goods to which this Order applies which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

(a) 1963 c. 31.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

4. Goods to which this Order applies shall be pre-packed—
- (a) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 50g or exceeding 10kg, only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—
- (i) 4oz, 8oz, 12oz, 1lb, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb, or a multiple of 1lb, or
 - (ii) 125g, 250g, 375g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 1.5kg, or a multiple of 1kg; and
- (b) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 15g, only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

Alan Williams,
Minister of State,
Department of
Prices and Consumer Protection.

16th July 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that Parts VIII and IX of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall cease to apply to breakfast cereals in flake form on 1st November 1975, and to flour of oats, oatflakes and oatmeal on 1st August 1977. After the relevant date, the provisions in the Schedule relating to those goods are replaced by the provisions of this Order.

Such goods may be pre-packed only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity exceeds 50g (approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz) and does not exceed 10kg (approximately 22lb). Every container in which such goods are pre-packed must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight unless the quantity does not exceed 15g (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ oz). If not pre-packed such goods may be sold by retail only by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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