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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Vegetables)
Order 1975**
Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 16th July 1975

Coming into Operation 1st April 1976

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 (Dried Vegetables) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1976.

(2) In this Order "dried vegetables" means dried vegetables of any of the following descriptions, that is to say, beans, lentils and peas (including split peas).

(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. Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to dried vegetables.

3. Dried vegetables which are not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

4. Dried vegetables shall be pre-packed—

(a) except where made up in a quantity not exceeding 100g 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, 1½lb, or a multiple of 1lb; or

(ii) 125g, 250g, 375g, 500g, 1kg or a multiple of 1kg; and

(b) only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

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

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

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 Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall cease to apply to dried vegetables on 1st April 1976, when the provisions of that Part are replaced by those of this Order.

Dried vegetables, that is, beans, lentils and peas (including split peas) may be pre-packed only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity exceeds 100g (approximately 3½oz) and does not exceed 10kg (approximately 22lb). Every container in which dried vegetables are pre-packed must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight. If not pre-packed, they may be sold by retail only by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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