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## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) (Amendment) Regulations 1980**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 11(1) and (3), 12(4), 14(1), 54(1) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1981.

2. The Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) Regulations 1979(c) are hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) in Regulation 1(b) for “1983” there shall be substituted “1984”;
- (b) in Regulation 2(1), in the definition of “approved”, for the words ““approved” means” there shall be substituted the words ““approved” in the expressions “approved maximum”, “approved minimum” and “approved working conditions” means”;
- (c) Regulation 5 shall be omitted;
- (d) at the end of Part I there shall be inserted the following Regulations:—

“5A. On and after 1st July 1984, a meter measuring system shall be used for trade only for the purpose of measuring delivered quantities of not less than the minimum delivery marked on the indicator of the system:

Provided that this Regulation does not apply where a measurement is only made for the purpose of payments in respect of any customs or excise duty.

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(a) 1963 c.31.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537.

(c) S.I. 1979/1720.

5B. On and after 1st July 1987, a dipstick measuring system shall be used for trade only for the purpose of measuring delivered quantities of not less than 30% of the nominal capacity marked on the compartment with which the dipstick is associated:

Provided that this Regulation does not apply where a measurement is only made for the purpose of payments in respect of any customs or excise duty.”;

- (e) in Regulation 8(1), for “1983” there shall be substituted “1984”;
- (f) for paragraph (2) of Regulation 8 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) above, a meter measuring system which does not comply with that paragraph at 1st July 1984 may continue to be tested and stamped and used for trade until 1st July 1987 if it has before 1st July 1984 been passed as fit for use for trade in accordance with these Regulations.”;
- (g) in Regulation 14, for the expression “12 mm”, in both places that it occurs, there shall be substituted the expression “20 mm”;
- (h) in Regulation 22, paragraphs (i) and (ii) shall be deleted;
- (i) Regulation 31 shall be omitted;
- (j) in Part III there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

“31A. On and after 1st July 1984 —

  - (a) liquid fuel shall not be transferred from one compartment into another during a delivery;
  - (b) a meter measuring system shall be used as follows:—
    - (i) the individual sales indicator shall be reset to zero before a delivery commences; and
    - (ii) the ticket printing mechanism shall be used to provide an individual printed ticket in accordance with Regulation 11 above;
  - (c) a meter measuring system shall not be used at a rate of flow which is more than its approved maximum or less than its approved minimum rate.”;
- (k) to Regulation 44 there shall be added after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:—

“and

  - (c) in the case of a meter measuring system first submitted before 1st July 1984 for testing with a view to passing as fit for use for trade, an inspector is of the opinion that it is not constructed in a manner which facilitates fraudulent use.”.

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18th December 1980.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) Regulations 1979. The amendments, other than minor drafting changes,

- (a) defer the date on which the measuring equipment becomes prescribed for the purposes of section 11 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963, and on which meter measuring systems require pattern approval under section 12, from 1st July 1983 to 1st July 1984 (Reg.2(a) and (e));
- (b) make it clear that the definition of “approved” applies to the approved maximum or minimum rate of flow at which a meter measuring system may be used or tested and to approved working conditions (Reg.2(b));
- (c) defer the date on which provisions relating to the purposes of use of equipment for trade apply to 1st July 1984 (meter measuring systems) and to 1st July 1987 (dipstick measuring systems) (Reg. 2(c) and (d));
- (d) defer the date beyond which meter measuring systems not made in accordance with an approved pattern on 1st July 1984 may continue to be tested and stamped and used for trade in certain conditions from 1st July 1986 to 1st July 1987 (Reg. 2(f) and (k));
- (e) increase the permissible gap between the end of a dipstick and the bottom of its compartment from 12 mm to 20 mm (Reg 2(g)) and remove certain requirements for dipstick markings (Reg.2(h));
- (f) defer the date on which requirements on the manner of use for trade of measuring equipment apply to 1st July 1984 and prohibit meter measuring systems being used at rates of flow more than their approved maxima or less than their approved minima (Reg.2(i) and (j)).

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