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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Grain and
Farinaceous Products) Order 1981**

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - - 9th December 1981

Coming into Operation 1st January 1982

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 him to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to him 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 the powers conferred by section 21(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Grain and Farinaceous Products) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

2. In this Order "grain and farinaceous products" means barley kernels, pearl barley, rice (including ground rice and rice flakes), sago, semolina and tapioca.

3. Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to grain and farinaceous products.

4. Grain and farinaceous products which are not pre-packed shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight.

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, grain and farinaceous products shall be pre-packed only if they are made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say—

(i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb or a multiple of 1 lb.

(ii) 125 g, 250 g, 375 g, 500 g or a multiple of 500 g.

(2) There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (1) above products made up in quantities of 75 g or less and more than 10 kg.

(a) 1963 c. 31.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537.

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, grain and farinaceous products shall be pre-packed only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

(2) There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (1) above products made up in quantities of less than 15 g.

9th December 1981.

Sally Oppenheim,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order implements the requirements of Council Directive No. 80/232/EEC (OJ No. L51, 25.2.80, p. 1). It prescribes a range of metric as well as imperial quantities and makes provision for quantity marking for various pre-packed grain and farinaceous products. It also, with other requirements, supersedes Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 which will cease to have effect as respects the products covered. The products covered by the Order are barley kernels, pearl barley, rice (including ground rice and rice flakes), sago, semolina and tapioca.

The Order provides that:—

- (a) products which are not pre-packed shall, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight (Art. 4);
- (b) products made up in quantities of more than 75 g (approximately 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ oz) and not more than 10 kg (approximately 22 lb) are to be pre-packed only in prescribed imperial or metric weights (Art. 5);
- (c) products made up in quantities of 15 g (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ oz) or more are to be pre-packed only if the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight (Art. 6).

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