
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Weights and Measures Act 1985 does not generally extend to Northern Ireland which has its own weights and measures legislation.

A number of the provisions of the 1985 Act relating to the regulation of trade and weighing or measuring equipment used for trade do not apply in relation to goods “for despatch to a destination outside Great Britain and any designated country”.

This Order replaces the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1969 and merely brings up to date the references to the relevant legislation. The Order continues

- (a) to declare Northern Ireland to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and other sections of the Act which refer to designated countries; and
- (b) to provide that any weighing or measuring equipment which must be stamped by an inspector of weights and measures before it can be used for trade in Great Britain is to be treated as so stamped, if it is to be treated as validly stamped under the law of Northern Ireland.