

These notes refer to the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c.5) which received Royal Assent on 20 December 2000

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. In light of paragraphs 4 and 5 above, it fell to the Assembly to decide how it should legislate for such deregulatory measures. On the one hand, there was the option of introducing general powers to permit the use of a legislative mechanism, parallel to the arrangements in GB, whereby primary legislation could be amended by subordinate legislation when deregulation was the sole aim. On the other, there was the option of taking forward these particular deregulatory measures by means of a separate, stand-alone Act of the Assembly. It was decided that the primary legislation mechanism was the preferred option.