



# Weights and Measures Act 1985

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2 Weights of— 500 ounces troy 0.4 ounce troy 400 ounces...

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## SCHEDULE 4 — Sand and Other Ballast

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- 1 In this Schedule, "ballast" means any of the following...  
 2 Subject to paragraphs 3 and 11 below, ballast shall be...  
 3 There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph 2...  
 4 Without prejudice to section 15 of this Act, no article...  
 5 In measuring any ballast against a calibration mark on such...

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- 6 This Part of this Schedule shall have effect with respect...  
 7 (1) If any of the ballast is being carried for...  
 8 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, if all or any...  
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- 1 This Schedule applies to goods of any of the following...

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- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, solid fuel...

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- 3 (1) Solid fuel shall be made up in a container...

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- 6 (1) This paragraph applies where solid fuel is carried on...

*Exemptions*

- 7 There shall be exempted from all the requirements of paragraphs...

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16 This Part of this Schedule shall have effect with respect...  
17 (1) If the vehicle is carrying any relevant goods for...  
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19 Any document required by paragraph 17 or 18 above shall...  
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21 Subject to paragraphs 22 and 28 below, the vehicle shall...  
22 (1) Paragraph 21 above shall not apply to any rail...  
23 Subject to paragraph 24 below, as soon as the loading...  
24 (1) Paragraph 23 above shall not apply to any vehicle...  
25 (1) The following provisions of this paragraph apply—  
26 Where, in the case of any rail vehicle used on...  
27 (1) If paragraph 21 or 23 above is contravened, the...  
28 (1) Paragraph 21 above shall not apply to any rail...

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- 1 This Part of this Schedule applies to—  
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3 Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 2 above, liquid fuel—

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CONCRETE

- 4 This Part of this Schedule applies to ready-mixed cement mortar...  
5 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part of...  
6 Part II of Schedule 4 to this Act, except sub-paragraph...  
7 Paragraphs 5 and 6 above shall not have effect in...

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- 8 This Part of this Schedule applies— (a) to agricultural liming...  
9 (1) Goods to which this Part of this Schedule applies...  
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PART IV — WOOD FUEL

- 11 Subject to paragraphs 12 and 13 below—  
12 (1) Paragraph 11 above shall not have effect in any...  
13 There shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph 11...  
14 Paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 5 to this Act...

PART V — PERFUMERY AND TOILET PREPARATIONS

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- 15 This Part of this Schedule applies to goods of any...
- 16 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, goods to which this...  
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- 17 Subject to paragraph 18 below— (a) soap in the form...
- 18 There shall be exempted from the requirements of this Part...  
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- 19 This Part of this Schedule applies to goods of any...
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- 21 There shall be exempted from all requirements of paragraph 20...  
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- 23 Subject to paragraphs 24 and 25 below, goods to which...
- 24 There shall be exempted from all requirements of this Part...
- 25 Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 24 above, nails—  
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- 27 Subject to paragraph 28 below, goods to which this Part...
- 28 There shall be exempted from the requirements of this Part...  
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- 29 This Part of this Schedule applies to antifreeze fluid for...
- 30 Subject to paragraph 31 below, goods to which this Part...
- 31 There shall be exempted from all requirements of this Part...  
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- 32 This Part of this Schedule applies to enamel, lacquer, liquid...
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- 34 There shall be exempted from the requirements of this Part...  
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- 36 Subject to paragraph 37 below, goods to which this Part...
- 37 The following shall be exempted from all the requirements of...  
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- 38 This Part of this Schedule applies— (a) to cheroots, cigarettes...
- 39 Subject to paragraphs 40 and 41 below, goods to which...
- 40 In relation to postal stationery, the reference to number in...
- 41 There shall be exempted from the requirements of this Part...

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- 1 (1) This paragraph applies to any goods which, not being...
- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to any goods which, not being...
- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to aerosol products containing any goods...
- 4 (1) This paragraph applies to any collection of two or...
- 5 There shall be exempted from any requirement of paragraph 1,...

#### SCHEDULE 8 — Powers of Inspectors and Local Weights and Measures Authority Under Part V



*Powers of entry and inspection*

- 1 An inspector may, within the area for which he is...
- 2 If a justice of the peace, on sworn information in...
- 3 (1) An inspector entering any premises by virtue of paragraph...

*Power of seizure*

- 4 Where an inspector has reasonable cause to believe that an...

*Power to require information*

- 5 (1) An inspector may serve, on any person carrying on...

*Purchase of goods*

- 6 (1) A local weights and measures authority shall have power...

*Failure to provide assistance or information*

- 7 Any person who without reasonable cause fails to comply with...

SCHEDULE 9 — Provisions relating to constitution of National Metrological Co-ordinating Unit

*Tenure of members*

- 1 (1) Subject to paragraph 2 below, a member shall hold...
- 2 A person may at any time resign his office as...

*Proceedings*

- 3 The quorum of the Unit and the arrangements relating to...
- 4 The validity of any proceedings of the Unit shall not...

*Chairman*

- 5 The Unit may appoint a member to be the chairman...
- 6 A person shall cease to hold office as the chairman...

*Staff*

- 7 The Unit may employ, on such terms as are applicable...

*Instruments*

- 8 The fixing of the common seal of the Unit shall...
- 9 A document purporting to be duly executed under the seal...

*Interpretation*

- 10 In this Schedule— " member", except in relation to a...

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PART I — PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EXTENDING TO NORTHERN IRELAND

- 1 The following provisions of this Act shall extend to Northern...

PART II — STANDARDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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- 2 (1) The Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland may...
- 3 For the purposes of providing the Northern Ireland primary standards...
- 4 The Secretary of State shall from time to time as...
- 5 Any Northern Ireland primary standard maintained under this Part of...

#### SCHEDULE 11 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

##### *General*

- 1 In this Schedule— " the 1963 Act" means the Weights...
- 2 Any reference, whether express or implied, in any enactment, instrument...
- 3 Any reference, whether express or implied, in any enactment, instrument...
- 4 Where a period of time specified in an enactment repealed...

##### *Acts passed before 31st July 1963*

- 5 In any Act passed before 31st July 1963—
- 6 Any local Act passed before 31st July 1963 shall continue...
- 7 Where an enactment contained in any local Act passed before...

##### *Standards, etc.*

- 8 Any standard which immediately before the commencement of this Act...
- 9 A certificate of fitness for use as a local standard...

##### *Stamping of equipment*

- 10 Any equipment to which section 11 of this Act applies...

##### *Approved patterns of equipment*

- 11 (1) Each of the following instruments, namely—

##### *Weighing equipment passed etc. before 27th April 1978*

- 12 (1) Weighing equipment (including weights) which weighs wholly or partly...

##### *Products and equipment used etc. before 1st December 1980*

- 13 (1) Nothing in section 8 of this Act shall prevent...
- 14 (1) Weighing equipment (including weights) which weighs wholly or partly...
- 15 Paragraphs 12(1) and 14(1) and (2) above have effect notwithstanding...
- 16 (1) Nothing in section 8 of this Act shall prevent...
- 17 (1) This paragraph applies to any pattern of weighing equipment—...

##### *Joint local weights and measures authorities in Greater London*

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies to any agreement which—

*Relaxation of Ministerial controls*

- 19 Subsection (3) of section 35 of the Local Government Act...

*National Metrological Co-ordinating Unit*

- 20 Any reference to the Secretary of State in the Measuring...

*Inspectors*

- 21 (1) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of section...

*" Gallon " and " litre "*

- 22 Nothing in the definition of " gallon " or "...

*Byelaws*

- 23 Any byelaws made by a local authority for any of...  
24 Any provision contained in a byelaw made under paragraph 5...  
25 Where any byelaw having effect under paragraph 5 of Schedule...

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*The Agriculture Act 1967*

- 2 In section 8(3) of the Agriculture Act 1967, for paragraph...

*The Trade Descriptions Act 1968*

- 3 In section 22(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968—  
4 (1) In section 32 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968—...

*The Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1972*

- 5 In section 17(5)(b) of the Greater London Council (General Powers)...

*The Fair Trading Act 1973*

- 6 In section 3(5)(b) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, for...

*The Weights and Measures &c. Act 1976*

- 7 (1) Section 12 of the Weights and Measures &c. Act...  
8 In section 14 of the Weights and Measures &c. Act...  
9 In Schedule 6 to the Weights and Measures &c. Act...

*The Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981*

- 10 (1) The Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 shall...

*The Local Government Act 1985*

- 11 In paragraph 15 of Schedule 8 to the Local Government...

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