



# Weights and Measures Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 72

### PART II

#### WEIGHING AND MEASURING FOR TRADE

##### *General*

#### **10 Multiples and fractions of measures and units.**

- (1) Except as may be prescribed, and subject to any regulations made under section 15 below,—
  - (a) a linear measure specified in Part I of Schedule 3 to this Act may be marked in whole or in part with divisions and sub-divisions representing any shorter length or lengths; but
  - (b) no capacity measure specified in Part IV of that Schedule shall be used for trade by means of any division or sub-division marked on it as a capacity measure of any lesser quantity.
- (2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above shall be guilty of an offence, and any measure used, or in any person's possession for use, in contravention of that paragraph, shall be liable to be forfeited.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe what may be treated for the purposes of use for trade as the equivalent of, or of any multiple or fraction of, any unit of measurement included in Schedule 1 to this Act in terms of any other such unit.
- (4) Nothing in any regulations under subsection (3) above shall apply to any transaction in drugs.
- (5) The Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England, in Wales and in Scotland acting jointly may by regulations, which shall have effect notwithstanding anything in, or in any instrument made under, any other enactment—

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- (a) prescribe what may be treated for the purposes of dealings with drugs as the equivalent of, or of any multiple or fraction of, any unit of measurement which—
- (i) is included in Schedule 1 to this Act, or
  - (ii) was included in Schedule 1 to the <sup>M1</sup>Weights and Measures Act 1963 on 31st January 1964 (the date of the commencement of section 10 of that Act),
- in terms of any other such unit; and
- (b) require that any person carrying out any such dealing with drugs as is specified in the regulations for the purposes of which the quantity of the drugs is expressed in terms of any such unit which is so specified shall carry out that dealing in terms of such equivalent quantity prescribed under paragraph (a) above as is so specified.

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