

1970 No. 1709

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****The Weights and Measures Act (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 1970***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 13th November 1970**Coming into Operation —**Article 7 - - - 1st January 1971**Article 8 - - - 1st January 1972**Remainder 20th November 1970*

Whereas the Board of Trade pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) have consulted with organisations appearing to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to them 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 Board of Trade in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by subsections (9) and (10) of section 10 of the Act hereby make the following Order—

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 1970 and shall come into operation as respects article 7 on 1st January 1971, as respects article 8 on 1st January 1972 and as respects the remainder on the expiration of the period of 7 days beginning with the day on which the Order is made.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**2.** There shall be added to the metric units of mass or weight set out in paragraph 5 of Part V of Schedule 1 to the Act, as the equivalent of 1,000 kilogrammes, “tonne” and “metric tonne”.

**3.** There shall be added to the list of linear metric measures lawful for use for trade which is set out as paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 3 to the Act measures of 50, 30, 5, 1·5 and 0·5 metres.

(a) 1963 c. 31.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

4. There shall be added to Part III of Schedule 3 (cubic measures lawful for trade use) the following measures, namely, cubic metric measures of 0.1 cubic metre or any multiple thereof.

5. There shall be added to the list of metric weights lawful for use for trade which is set out as paragraph 5 of Part V of Schedule 3 to the Act weights of 15 grammes and 150 milligrammes.

6. The Schedule to this Order shall have effect for indicating the metric linear measures, the cubic measures and metric weights listed in paragraph 2 of Part I of, Part III of and paragraph 5 of Part V of, Schedule 3 to the Act as amended by this Order and the Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weights) Order 1968(a).

7. The following provisions of the Act relating to apothecaries weight or measure, namely, paragraph 3 of Part IV and paragraph 4 of Part V of Schedule 1 and paragraph 3 of Part IV and paragraph 3 of Part V of Schedule 3 shall cease to have effect on 1st January 1971.

8. Paragraph 5 of Part V of Schedule 1 shall have effect on and after 1st January 1972 as if "metric ton" were omitted.

*Anthony Grant,*  
Parliamentary Secretary to  
the Board of Trade.

13th November 1970.

Article 6.

SCHEDULE

1. Paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 3 (metric linear measures lawful for use for trade):—

Measures of—

50 metres	2 metres
30 metres	1.5 metres
20 metres	1 metre
10 metres	0.5 metre
5 metres	1 decimetre
3 metres	1 centimetre

2. Part III of Schedule 3 (cubic measures lawful for use for trade):—

*Imperial system*

1. Measures of, or any multiple of,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cubic yard.

*Metric system*

2. Measures of, or any multiple of, 0.1 cubic metre.

3. Paragraph 5 of Part V of Schedule 3 (metric weights lawful for use for trade):—

Weights of—

20 kilogrammes	2 grammes
10 kilogrammes	1 gramme
5 kilogrammes	500 milligrammes
2 kilogrammes	400 milligrammes
1 kilogramme	300 milligrammes
500 grammes	200 milligrammes
200 grammes	150 milligrammes
100 grammes	100 milligrammes
50 grammes	50 milligrammes
20 grammes	20 milligrammes
15 grammes	10 milligrammes
10 grammes	5 milligrammes
5 grammes	2 milligrammes
4 grammes	1 milligramme
3 grammes	

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends Schedules 1 and 3 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963.

The changes are as follows:—

- (i) the unit of weight equivalent to 1,000 kilogrammes (currently described as the metric ton) is also to be known as the “tonne” or “metric tonne” and, from 1st January 1972, the existing description “metric ton” is no longer to be used for trade purposes ;
- (ii) metric weights of 15 grammes and 150 milligrammes, metric linear measures of 50, 30, 5, 1.5 and 0.5 metres and metric cubic measures of 0.1 cubic metre and any multiple thereof shall be added to the lists of metric weights and measures which may lawfully be used for trade ; and
- (iii) apothecaries weights and measures will cease to be lawful from 1st January 1971.

The Schedule to the Order reproduces those paragraphs of Schedule 3 to the Act relating to metric weights and linear measures and to cubic measures to which additions have been made by this Order and the Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weights) Order 1968 with the additions appropriately included.

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