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## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1970**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under sections 11(3), 14(1) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1970 and shall come into operation on 20th November 1970.

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

**3.** The Weights and Measures Regulations 1963(c), as amended(d), shall have effect subject to the amendments set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Schedule hereto.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade and Industry.

13th November 1970.

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(a) 1963 c. 31.                      (b) 1889 c. 63.                      (c) S.I. 1963/1710 (1963 III, p. 3286).  
(d) The previous amending Regulations are not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations.

## SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule, the abbreviations employed refer to units of measurement as follows:—

<i>Imperial</i>	<i>Metric</i>
ft ... .. foot	m ... .. metre
gal ... .. gallon	mm ... .. millimetre
qt ... .. quart	
pt ... .. pint	
fl. oz ... .. fluid ounce	

2. For Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1963 Regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

## “ PART I

## LINEAR MEASURES

1. The prescribed limits of error as respects the passing of linear measures as fit for use for trade shall be the following:—

<i>(a) Imperial</i>		<i>(b) Metric</i>	
Purported length of the measure	Limit of error, in inches	Purported length of the measure	Limit of error
50 ft or more ... ..	0·6	50 m ... ..	20 mm
10 ft, 20 ft or 33 ft ... ..	0·4	30 m or 20 m ... ..	15 mm
less than 10 ft but more than 3 ft ... ..	0·1	10 m, 5 m, 3 m, 2 m or 1·5 m ... ..	at the rate of 0·5 mm per 0·5 m
3 ft or less ... ..	0·05	1 m or less ... ..	1 mm

2. The limits of error as respects the obliteration of stamps shall be four times the relevant limits specified in the foregoing Table.”.

3. Paragraph 2 of Part II of Schedule 1 shall have effect as if for the tables in sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) there were substituted the tables set out below, and from 1st January 1971, as if sub-paragraph (b) were omitted.

New table in sub-paragraph (a)

*Liquid Measures*

Purported Capacity	Error in excess only, fluid ounces
$\frac{1}{6}$ , $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ gill ... ..	0·0625
$\frac{1}{3}$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ gill, 4 fl. oz ... ..	0·125
1 gill, 6 fl. oz or $\frac{1}{3}$ pt ... ..	0·25
8 fl. oz or $\frac{1}{2}$ pt ... ..	0·375
1 pt ... ..	0·5
1 qt or $\frac{1}{2}$ gal ... ..	1·0
1 to 3 gal (inclusive) ... ..	2·0
4 to 7 gal (inclusive) ... ..	3·0
8 to 19 gal (inclusive) ... ..	5·0
20 to 32 gal (inclusive) ... ..	10·0
33 to 64 gal (inclusive) ... ..	15·0

New table in sub-paragraph (c)

*Dry Measures*

Purported Capacity	Error in excess only
$\frac{1}{2}$ pt ... ..	0·625 fl. oz
1 pt ... ..	0·25 gill
1 qt ... ..	0·5 gill
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal ... ..	1·0 gill
1 gal or 2 gal ... ..	1·5 gill
4 gal or 8 gal ... ..	0·5 pt

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations further amend the Weights and Measures Regulations 1963 (S.I. 1963/1710).

The principal changes are that limits of error are prescribed for certain new metric measures the use of which is made lawful by the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1709) and that uniform limits of error are now prescribed for all measures of the same length irrespective of the material or form of the measure.

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