

1973 No. 1967

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Pasta) Order 1973

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Whereas the Secretary of State pursuant to section 54(2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has consulted with organisations appearing to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by this Order and considered the representations made to him 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 Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 21(2), (3) and (5) of the Act and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Pasta) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1974.

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

2. Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Act shall cease to apply to the flour products described as macaroni and similar products.

3. Pasta which is not pre-packed shall be sold by retail only by net weight.

4. Subject to Article 5 of this Order pasta shall be pre-packed only if:

(a) it is made up in one of the following quantities by net weight, that is to say:

(i) 4 oz, 8 oz, 12 oz, 1 lb, 1½ lb, or a multiple of 1 lb; or

(ii) 125 g, 250 g, 375 g, 500 g or a multiple of 500 g; and

(b) the container is marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

(a) 1963 c. 31.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

5. Pasta shall be exempted from all requirements of Article 4(a) of this Order if pre-packed in a quantity not exceeding 50 g.

23rd November 1973.

Geoffrey Howe,
Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs,
Department of Trade and Industry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that Part VIII of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall cease to apply to macaroni and similar products and reproduces with amendments the provisions of that Part relating to pasta, a description which includes, inter alia, macaroni and similar products. Pasta may only be pre-packed in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity exceeds 50 g and if the container is marked with an indication of the quantity by net weight. If not pre-packed, pasta may only be sold by retail by net weight. The reference to metric units is new.

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