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**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****The Weights and Measures  
(Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines)  
(Amendment) Regulations 1976**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 21(4) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and now vested in her (b), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 21st July 1976.

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

2. The Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) Regulations 1965(d) shall have effect subject to the amendment that for Regulation 2 there shall be substituted the following:—

“2.—(1) The information as to the quantity comprised in each item for sale shall be given by the use of the same units of measurement as are used to indicate the quantity of that item in its container, in the case of milk, in compliance with paragraph 3(b) of Part V of Schedule 4 to the Act, and, in the case of solid fuel, in compliance with paragraph 3(1)(b) of Part I of Schedule 6 thereto.

(2) The characters in which that information is displayed shall be clear and legible and shall be marked upon a plain background and in a colour which is a distinct and conspicuous contrast thereto.

(3) The characters in which that information is displayed shall be not less than 10 mm in height.

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

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p.5293).  
(d) S.I. 1965/2149 (1965 III, p.6300).

(4) The numerator and denominator together indicating a vulgar fraction shall appear one on top of the other and for the purposes of paragraph (3) of this Regulation shall be treated as a single character”.

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Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

21st May 1976.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Weights and Measures (Milk and Solid Fuel Vending Machines) Regulations 1965. Those Regulations apply to vending machines by means of which pre-packed milk and solid fuel are for sale, and specify the manner in which such vending machines are to be marked with information (required by the Weights and Measures Act 1963) about the quantity of each item therein.

The principal changes are:—

(1) that the same units of measurement are to be used in marking the machine as are used in marking the container of the item in question;

(2) that the minimum height of characters is to be 10 mm instead of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch. In the case of both milk and solid fuel the manner of marking the quantity on the container must comply with the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations 1970 (S.I. 1970/350) or the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations 1975 (S.I. 1975/1319).



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