

1977 No. 2058

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods)
(Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 8th December 1977**Coming into Operation 1st January 1978*

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 sections 21(2), (3) and (5), and 54(1) and (4) 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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

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

2. An Order specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto shall have effect after the date, or the date appropriate to the goods in question, specified in relation to that Order in column 2 of that Schedule as if the provision specified in column 3 of that Schedule were omitted as respects all goods to which the Order applies or, as the case may be, as respects relevant goods referred to in the said column 1.

3. The application of section 22(2) of the Act as it applies for the purposes of section 21(2)(c) in relation to goods to which an Order so specified applies being goods pre-packed in imperial quantities specified in the provision of that Order specified in column 3 of that Schedule, shall be excluded—

(a) 1963 c. 31.

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

(c) 1889 c. 63.

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- (a) in the case of goods pre-packed in Great Britain on or before the date or appropriate date specified in column 2 of that Schedule and goods imported into Great Britain on or before that date and pre-packed before importation, in relation to all persons;
- (b) in the case of goods pre-packed in Great Britain after that date and goods imported into Great Britain after that date and pre-packed before importation in relation to any person other than—
- (i) where the goods were pre-packed in Great Britain, the person who pre-packed them and if he pre-packed them on behalf of another person, that other person;
 - (ii) where the goods were imported into Great Britain, the person who imported them and if he imported them on behalf of another person, that other person.
4. After the date or appropriate date specified in column 4 of that Schedule in relation to an Order specified in column 1, Article 3 above shall cease to have effect in relation to the goods or relevant goods to which the Order applies.

8th December 1977.

John Fraser,
Minister of State,
Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

SCHEDULE

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The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Salt) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973/1968)	30th June 1978	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4 (a)	31st December 1978
The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1177)			
(a) goods described in Article 2(1) (a) of the Order	30th June 1978	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4 (a)	1st July 1979
(b) goods described in Article 2(1) (b) and (c) of the Order	31st October 1978	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4(a)	29th July 1979
The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/111)	21st April 1978	Paragraph (1)(a)(i) of Article 4	2nd July 1978
The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/1294)	31st December 1979	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4(a)	29th June 1980
The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/430)			
(a) goods described in Article 1(2)(a) of the Order	14th July 1979	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4(a)	26th August 1979
(b) goods described in Article 1(2)(c) and (d) of the Order, and dripping	29th September 1979	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4(a)	30th December 1979
(c) Shredded suet	31st December 1979	Subparagraph (i) of Article 4(a)	28th September 1980

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The provisions of this Order amend those of the following:—

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Salt) Order 1973

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order 1976

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976

The amendments provide that after the relevant dates in Column 2 of the Schedule the prescribed ranges of imperial weights in which the various goods may be pre-packed are withdrawn.

During the various periods between the relevant dates in Column 2 of the Schedule and in Column 4 of the Schedule, exclusion is nevertheless provided for all persons from the offences connected with selling, agreeing to sell, or being in possession for sale of the various goods pre-packed in Great Britain or imported into Great Britain, in imperial quantities on or before the relevant dates in Column 2 of the Schedule.

Furthermore these offences when connected with the various goods pre-packed in Great Britain or imported into Great Britain, in imperial quantities after the relevant dates in Column 2 of the Schedule, are restricted until the relevant dates in Column 4 of the Schedule, to pre-packers and importers into Great Britain and those on whose behalf the goods were pre-packed or imported.

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