
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 8

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations
of Units) (Amendment) Regulations 1980**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th January 1980</i>
<i>Laid Before Parliament</i>		<i>9th January 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st February 1980</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 21(4)(a) and (d) and 54(1) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1980.

2. The Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations 1975(c) shall have effect subject to the following amendments:—

(a) in Regulation 7 for “and 9” there shall be substituted “, 9 and 12(6)”;

(b) for Regulation 11(3) and (4) there shall be substituted the following:—

“(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) below, in the case of any container marked after 1st February 1980 which is required to be marked with any information as to quantity by measurement of the goods contained in it, the marking shall be in metric units but may, in addition, be in imperial units.

(4) In the case of goods which were on 1st February 1979 required by or under the Act to be pre-packed only if made up in specified quantities and which since that date have been required or are subsequently required to be pre-packed only if made up in specified metric quantities, the marking of quantity shall be, for a period of one year after the date on which they have been required or are subsequently required to be pre-packed only if made up in specified metric quantities, as the case may be, in both metric units and imperial units.

(a) 1963 c. 31.

(b) S.I. 1970/1537.

(c) S.I. 1975/1319, as amended by S.I. 1977/1683.

(5) In the case of other goods which, on 1st February 1979, were required by or under the Act to be pre-packed only if made up in either specified imperial or metric quantities, or in imperial quantities only the marking of quantity shall be in both metric and imperial units."

(c) for Regulation 12(3) there shall be substituted the following:—

"(3) In a case where the relevant goods are required by or under the Act to be pre-packed only if made up in specified quantities the marking shall—

(a) first indicate the quantity in which they are made up; and

(b) if the quantity in which they are made up is in metric units, include the words "metric pack":

Provided that sub-paragraph (b) above shall only apply to goods which were on 1st February 1979 required to be pre-packed only if made up in specified quantities, whether both imperial and metric quantities were specified or only imperial quantities, and in respect of which the relevant period of one year mentioned in Regulation 11(4) has not expired"; and

(d) at the end of Regulation 12 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(6) Notwithstanding anything in Regulation 10 of the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations 1979(a), in the case of milk any marking of any quantity in imperial units shall be entirely in terms of the pint, quart or gallon.

In this paragraph, "milk" means cows' milk in any liquid form other than that of condensed milk (including evaporated milk) or of cream."

Sally Oppenheim,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

7th January 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations amend Regulations 11 and 12 of the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations 1975 which relate to the use of metric and imperial units in the marking of containers.

2. The basic requirement remains that where the container of goods is required to be marked with quantity by measurement, that marking shall be in metric units but may also be in imperial units (see Reg. 2(b)).

3. In the case of pre-packed goods required to be made up in specified quantities and which on any date after 1st February 1979 are required to be made up in metric quantities only, the marking must be in both metric and imperial units for one year after that date (see Reg. 2(b)). In addition the existing requirement that such containers must be marked "metric pack" continues for that year (see Reg. 2(c)).

4. In the case of any other pre-packed goods which on 1st February 1979 were required to be made up in imperial quantities (whether or not a range of metric quantities is prescribed as an alternative) then the marking must be in both imperial and metric quantities (see Reg. 2(b)).

5. In the case of milk (which comes within the case mentioned in paragraph 4 above) there is an additional provision that any marking in imperial units shall be only in terms of the pint, quart or gallon (see Reg. 2(d)).

