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THE METRICATION REGULATIONS 1977

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 27th day of June 1977

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. B. E. TALBOYS PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 3 of the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1976, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Metrication Regulations 1977.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Verification of Imperial weights and measures prohibited—

(1) Subject to regulations 4 and 5 of these regulations, after the 31st day of July 1977 weights and measures of the Imperial system and weighing and measuring instruments calibrated in units of the Imperial system shall not be verified under the Weights and Measures Act 1925 for use for trade.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the reverification of any weight or measure or of any weighing or measuring instrument.

3. Reverification of Imperial weights and measures prohibited—

Subject to regulations 4 to 7 of these regulations, after the 31st day of October 1977 weights and measures of the Imperial system and weighing and measuring instruments calibrated in units of the Imperial system shall not be reverified under the Weights and Measures Act 1925 for use for trade.

4. Exemptions in respect of verification and reverification of milk tanks—(1) The prohibition on verification imposed by regulation 2 of these regulations shall not apply—

(a) To the verification of a milk tank used or intended for use in a farm dairy (being a farm dairy from which milk is supplied to a factory or milk treatment station) if the person using or intending to use the tank satisfies the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures that—

(i) That person is using in the dairy other such tanks which are calibrated in Imperial units and which were in use at the 31st day of July 1977; and

(ii) The person who controls the factory or milk treatment station to which milk is being supplied from the dairy intends, within a reasonable time, to cease using the tanks themselves as measures or measuring instruments and to use instead a flow meter on a milk tanker; or

(b) To the verification of a bulk milk tank used or intended to be used in a factory or milk treatment station if the person who controls the factory or station satisfies the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures that—

(i) There are in use in the factory or station other such tanks which are calibrated in Imperial units and which were in use at the 31st day of July 1977; and

(ii) That person intends, within a reasonable time, to cease using the tanks themselves as measures or measuring instruments and to use instead a flow meter.

(2) The prohibition on reverification imposed by regulation 3 of these regulations shall not apply to the reverification of a milk tank in a farm dairy (being a farm dairy from which milk is supplied to a factory or milk treatment station) or of a bulk milk tank in a factory or milk treatment station if—

(a) The reverification is carried out not later than the 31st day of August 1980; or

(b) In the case of a reverification carried out after the 31st day of August 1980, the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures is satisfied—

(i) In the case of a milk tank in a farm dairy, in respect of the matter specified in subclause (1) (a) (ii) of this regulation; or

(ii) In the case of a bulk milk tank, in respect of the matter specified in subclause (1) (b) (ii) of this regulation.

5. Exemption in respect of verification and reverification of gas meters—The prohibitions imposed by regulations 2 and 3 of these regulations shall not apply to the verification or reverification of a gas meter if—

(a) The meter is in use at the commencement of these regulations; or

(b) The meter comes into use after the commencement of these regulations and before the expiration of the 31st day of August 1980.

6. Exemption in respect of reverification of bulk tanks for alcoholic beverages—The prohibition on reverification imposed by regulation 3 of these regulations shall not apply to the reverification of a bulk tank used for the measurement of alcoholic beverages if—

- (a) The tank is, at the 31st day of October 1977, both in use and stamped (as required by the Weights and Measures Act 1925); and
- (b) The reverification takes place not later than the 31st day of August 1980.

7. Exemption in respect of reverification of weighing and measuring instruments that cannot be converted for lack of parts—Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 3 of these regulations, any Inspector may reverify a weighing or measuring instrument calibrated in Imperial units if the owner of the weighing or measuring instrument satisfies the Inspector that—

- (a) It is practicable to convert the system of calibration from Imperial units to metric units; and
- (b) The owner is endeavouring to have the conversion carried out; and
- (c) The conversion has been delayed by reason only of a temporary lack of parts.

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations prohibit, subject to a number of exceptions, the verification and reverification for use for trade of—

- (a) Weights and measures of the Imperial system; and
- (b) Weighing and measuring instruments calibrated in units of the Imperial system.

Subject to the exceptions specified in the regulations, verification of such weights and measures and of such weighing and measuring instruments will not be carried out after 31 July 1977. In the case of reverification, the final date will be 31 October 1977.

The exceptions relate to milk tanks in farm dairies, bulk milk tanks in factories or milk treatment stations, gas meters, bulk tanks for alcoholic beverages, and weighing and measuring instruments that cannot be converted to metric units because of a temporary lack of parts.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Labour.