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**THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATIONS 1926-1951,
AMENDMENT NO. 9**

—
ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 11th day of October 1971

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Weights and Measures Act 1925, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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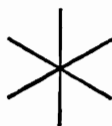
1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures Regulations 1926-1951, Amendment No. 9, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Weights and Measures Regulations 1926-1951* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

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

2. Penalties—Part I of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from regulation 5 (as amended by section 7 (1) of the Decimal Currency Act 1964) the expression “\$40”, and substituting the expression “\$100”.

3. Obliteration—Part II of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 1, the following regulation:

“1A. The mark used to obliterate any stamp shall be a 6-pointed star design as shown in the following illustration:


















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4. Stamp of verification—(1) Part II of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 10, the following regulation:

“10A. The stamp of verification shall consist of—

“(a) A crown in one of the forms set out in the following table:

Form of Crown	District in Which Crown is to be Used	Form of Crown	District in Which Crown is to be Used
	Auckland		New Plymouth
	Christchurch		Palmerston North
	Dunedin		Timaru
	Gisborne		Tauranga
	Hamilton		Wanganui
	Invercargill		Wellington
	Napier		Whangarei
	Nelson		

; and

“(b) In close proximity to the said crown, a date mark consisting of a letter indicating the month, and numerals indicating the year, in which the weight, measure, or instrument is stamped (For example A 71 shall denote January 1971, B 71 shall denote February 1971, and so on).”

(2) Part II of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from regulation 10 the words “together with any other distinguishing mark approved by the Chief Inspector”.

5. Use of metric weights or measures in marking packed goods—Part V of the principal regulations is hereby amended—

- (a) By inserting in regulation 4, after the word “avoirdupois”, the words “or metric”;
- (b) By inserting in regulation 5, after the word “avoirdupois”, the word “, metric”.

6. Permitted weights and measures and their abbreviations—Part V of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking regulations 6 and 7, and substituting the following regulations:

“6. (1) Avoirdupois weight shall be stated in pounds, ounces, drams, and grains.

“(2) Metric weight shall be stated in kilograms, grams, and milligrams.

“(3) Liquid measure shall be stated in—

“(a) Gallons, quarts, pints, gills, fluid ounces, and fluid drachms; or

“(b) Litres and millilitres.

“(4) Measures of length shall be stated in—

“(a) Yards, feet, and inches; or

“(b) Metres, centimetres, and millimetres:

“Provided that—

“(a) Any one or more of the metric units mentioned in this regulation may be used; and

“(b) The fractions $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{1}{4}$ may be used to express fractional parts of any unit mentioned in subclause (1), paragraph (a) of subclause (3), or paragraph (a) of subclause (4), of this regulation; and

“(c) Fractions expressed as decimals may be used to express fractional parts of any of the metric units mentioned in this regulation.

“7. In the marking of any net weight or measure any of the following abbreviations may be used, namely—

“(a) Abbreviations contained in Table I of Part III:

“(b) Abbreviations of the metric units contained in the following table:

Metric Unit	Abbreviation
kilogram	kg
gram	g
milligram	mg
metre	m
centimetre	cm
millimetre	mm
litre	l
millilitre	ml.”

7. Expression in terms of greatest unit—Part V of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking regulation 8, and substituting the following regulation:

“8. (1) Except as provided in subclause (2) of this regulation, every net weight or measure (other than a metric weight or measure) shall be expressed in terms of the greatest unit applicable to the quantity sold,

smaller units being used only for that part of such quantity which is not exactly measurable in terms of such first-mentioned unit, as in the following examples:

'Net—One pound four ounces,' or 'Net—1 lb 4 oz,' or 'Net—1¼ lb';
not in the form '20 ounces,' or '20 oz,' or in any other form:

'One ounce (Apoth.),' or '1 oz (Apoth.)'.

"(2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this regulation shall—

"(a) Require statement in units greater than pound, yard, or gallon respectively; or

"(b) Preclude statement in inches of the width of any article where it is customary to express the width in such terms; or

"(c) Preclude fluid measure from being expressed—

"(i) In pints where the quantity sold does not exceed 1 gallon; or

"(ii) In fluid ounces where the quantity sold does not exceed 40 fluid ounces."

8. Sale of coal by retail—Part VII of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting in regulation 2 (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Weights and Measures Regulations 1926, Amendment No. 6*), after the words "½ cwt", the words "¾ cwt".

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Weights and Measures Regulations 1926-1951. Regulation 2 increases the general penalty for an offence against the regulations from a fine not exceeding \$40 to a fine not exceeding \$100.

Regulation 3 prescribes the form of the mark of obliteration to be used by Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

Regulation 4 prescribes the form of the stamp of verification to be used by such Inspectors.

Regulations 5 and 6 make a number of amendments that are designed to permit weights and measures on pre-packed goods to be expressed in metric terms. Abbreviations of the metric terms are also prescribed.

Regulation 7 amends the regulation relating to the expression, in terms of the greatest unit, of terms of net weight or measure on packages.

This regulation is amended so that—

(a) It will not apply where metric terms are used.

(b) Liquid measure may be expressed—

(i) In pints where the quantity sold does not exceed 1 gallon; or

(ii) In fluid ounces where the quantity sold does not exceed 40 fluid ounces.

Regulation 8 amends the regulation that prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, the sale by retail of coal otherwise than in sacks each containing ½ cwt, 1 cwt, 1½ cwt, or 1¾ cwt, net weight. The amendment adds ¾ cwt to the range of permitted sack weights.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Labour.