

## Reprint

as at 20 September 2007

# Cook Islands Weights and Measures Regulations 1954

(SR 1954/248)

Cook Islands Weights and Measures Regulations 1954: revoked, on 20 September 2007, by section 7(2) of the Cook Islands Amendment Act 2007 (2007 No 49).

PURSUANT to the Cook Islands Act 1915, 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

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the Cook Islands Weights and Measures Regulations 1954.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force in the Cook Islands (other than Niue) on such date as the Resident Commissioner of Rarotonga appoints by public notice, and different dates

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#### Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this eprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this eprint, together with other explanatory material about this eprint.

**These regulations are administered in the Department of Island Territories.**

may be so appointed with respect to different islands forming part of the Cook Islands (other than Niue).

- (3) These regulations shall come into force in the Island of Niue on such date as the Resident Commissioner of Niue appoints by public notice.

## 2

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
**Measuring instrument** includes an instrument for measuring weight as well as an instrument for ascertaining any other measurement referred to in the Schedule to these regulations  
**Resident Commissioner** means the Resident Commissioner of Rarotonga or the Resident Commissioner of Niue, as the case may require.

## 3

The imperial standard pound and the imperial standard yard respectively referred to in section 5 of the Weights and Measures Act 1925 shall be the source from which all weights and measures used in the Cook Islands shall be derived.

## 4

The only denominations of weights and measures to be used in the Cook Islands shall be those described in the Schedule to these regulations.

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- (1) The Minister of Island Territories may procure any verified standard weights and measures he deems necessary for the purposes of these regulations.
- (2) All such verified standard weights and measures shall be verified and stamped with the letters and figures commonly used to signify Her Majesty's name or mark, together with the letters "SW" or "SM" (signifying "standard weight" or "standard measure") and a figure indicating the denomination of the weight or measure, and may cause any such verified standard to be placed in the custody and under the control of the Resident Commissioner.
- (3) Every verified standard in the custody and control of the Resident Commissioner shall for the purposes of these regulations

be deemed to be of the weight and measure which it purports to be.

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Verified standards shall be available to any person for the purpose of ascertaining by comparison therewith the accuracy of a weight or measure in that person's possession at such times and under such safeguards and supervision as the Resident Commissioner may in any case think fit to specify and impose.

**7**

Every person who in any transaction with any other person uses any denomination of weight or measure other than one of the weights and measures described in the Schedule hereto or some multiple or part thereof commits an offence, and is liable for each such offence to a fine not exceeding £10:

Provided that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply with respect to—

- (a) Any contract, bargain, sale, purchase, or dealing in connection with the importation or export of goods from or to a country where a system of weights or measures other than that fixed by these regulations is used; or
- (b) Any contract, bargain, sale, purchase, or dealing in respect of any things which the Resident Commissioner, by Proclamation published in such manner as he thinks fit, may exempt from the provisions of this regulation; or
- (c) The use in trade of a weight or measure of the metric system for the purpose of selling goods by weight or measure according to that system.

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- (1) Every person who uses or has in his possession any weight or measure or any measuring instrument which is false or unjust or below the standard weight or measure or materially incorrect, having regard to the purposes for which it is or may reasonably be expected to be used, commits an offence, and is liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding £20.
- (2) Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding £20 who sells or causes to be sold, or delivers or causes to be delivered, to a purchaser anything by weight or

measure short of the quantity demanded of or represented by the seller.

**9**

Every person who commits or is party to any fraud in the use of any weight or measure or of any measuring instrument commits an offence and is liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

**10**

- (1) All weights and measures and measuring instruments used in the Cook Islands shall comply with the standards laid down and publicly notified by the Resident Commissioner.
- (2) Any person who at any time after any public notification under subclause (1) of this regulation uses in any transaction with any other person any weight or measure or measuring instrument which does not comply with the standards referred to in that subclause commits an offence, and is liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding £20.

**11**

- (1) There may from time to time be appointed under the provisions of the Cook Islands Act 1915 suitable persons to be Inspectors of Weights and Measures for the purpose of ensuring compliance with these regulations or any standards notified under these regulations.
- (2) Any such Inspector may at all reasonable times—
  - (a) Enter any building or place or stop any vehicle wherein or in connection with which weights, measures, or measuring instruments are used for trade:
  - (b) Stop any person having in his possession a pack, basket, or other receptacle containing goods for sale and any weights, measures, or measuring instruments for use in connection with the sale of those goods:
  - (c) Examine and test those weights, measures, or measuring instruments, and, if any such weight or measure is light or otherwise unjust, or if any such measuring instrument is found to be incorrect or not in accordance with these regulations, the Inspector may seize the same:

- (d) Examine and weigh or measure, or cause to be weighed or measured, in the presence of the person in charge of the same, any goods kept or exposed for sale, and seize any goods in respect of which a contravention of these regulations has been committed.
- (2) All weights, measures, measuring instruments, and goods seized under these regulations shall, if the Resident Commissioner so directs, be forfeited, and shall on forfeiture become the property of Her Majesty the Queen.
- (3) Every person who wilfully obstructs or hinders any such Inspector in the execution of his office, or who refuses to produce and deliver any weight, measure, or measuring instrument when required so to do by an Inspector, commits an offence, and is liable for each offence to a fine not exceeding £10.

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## Schedule

### 1

#### Measures of length

##### YARD

Foot, being the 1/3rd part of a yard.

Inch, being the 1/12th part of a foot.

Fathom, being two yards.

Pole, being five and a half yards.

Chain, being twenty-two yards.

Link, being the 1/100th part of a chain.

Mile, being one thousand seven hundred and sixty yards.

### 2

#### Measures of surface

Square yard, being the standard yard squared.

Square foot, being the 1/9th part of a square yard.

Square inch, being the 1/144th part of a square foot.

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Perch, being thirty and a quarter square yards.

Rood, being forty perches or one thousand two hundred and ten square yards. Acre, being four roods or four thousand eight hundred and forty square yards. Square mile, being six hundred and forty acres.

3

Cubic measures

Cubic yard, being the standard yard cubed.

Cubic foot, being the 1/27th part of a cubic yard.

Cubic inch, being the 1/1728th part of a cubic foot.

4

Measures of weight

**Avoirdupois**

Pound.

Ounce, being the 1/16th part of a pound.

Dram, being the 1/16th part of an ounce.

Stone, being fourteen pounds.

Quarter, being twenty-eight pounds.

Hundredweight, being one hundred and twelve pounds.

Ton, being two thousand two hundred and forty pounds:

Provided that a ton of oatmeal or of flour, bran, pollard, sharps, semolina, wheatmeal, or other milled product of oats or wheat may consist of two thousand pounds.

**Apothecaries' weight**

Grain, being 1/7000th part of the pound avoirdupois.

Scruple, being twenty grains.

Drachm, being sixty grains or three scruples.

Apothecaries' ounce, being four hundred and eighty grains or eight drachms.

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**Troy weight**

Grain, being 1/7000th part of the pound avoirdupois.

Pennyweight, being twenty-four grains.

Ounce troy, being four hundred and eighty grains or twenty pennyweights.

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Capacity measures

Gallon, being ten pounds weight of distilled water weighed in air against brass weights, with the water and air at the temperature of sixty-two degrees Fahrenheit's thermometer and the barometer at thirty inches.

Quart, being the 1/4th part of a gallon.

Pint, being half a quart or the 1/8th part of a gallon.

Gill, being the 1/4th part of a pint.

Fluid ounce, being the 1/5th part of a gill or the 1/20th part of a pint or the 1/160th part of a gallon.

Fluid drachm, being the 1/8th part of a fluid ounce.

Minim, being the 1/60th part of a fluid drachm.

Bushel, being eight gallons.

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Metric system

Metre, being 39.37 inches.

Are, being 119.6 square yards.

Hectare, being 11,960 square yards.

T J SHERRARD,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

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**Notes****1 General**

This is an eprint of the Cook Islands Weights and Measures Regulations 1954. It incorporates all the amendments to the Cook Islands Weights and Measures Regulations 1954 as at 20 September 2007. The list of amendments at the end of these notes specifies all the amendments incorporated into this eprint since 3 September 2007. Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions are also included, after the Principal enactment, in chronological order.

**2 About this eprint**

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**3 List of amendments incorporated in this eprint  
(most recent first)**

Cook Islands Amendment Act 2007 (2007 No 49): section7(2)

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