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TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

1949
Cap. 182.

[20th May, 1890.]

1. This Law may be cited as the Weights and Measures Law. Short title.

2. In this Law—

Interpre-
tation.

“local authority” means the Commissioner in every district, but not within the Municipal boundaries of any Municipal Council established within the district, and the Municipal Council or Municipal Commission, as the case may be, within the limits of any town having or entitled to have a Municipal Council;

“stamping” includes casting, engraving, etching, branding, or otherwise marking in such a manner as to be, so far as practicable, indelible, and the expression “stamp” and other expressions relating thereto shall be construed accordingly.

3. The same weights and measures shall be used throughout Cyprus.

Uniformity
of weights
and
measures.

4. A length equal to two-thirds of a yard according to the British Imperial standard yard shall be one Cyprus pic.

Cyprus pic.

5. One pic and a half shall be one yard. One half of the pic shall be one foot, and one-twelfth of a foot shall be one inch.

Measures
derived from
the pic.

The chain shall contain thirty-three such pics and the mile two thousand six hundred and forty such pics.

6. A weight equal to two pounds and four-fifths of a pound according to the British Imperial standard pound shall be one oke.

Cyprus oke.

7. One four-hundredth part of an oke shall be one dram.

Weights
derived from
the oke.

The Cyprus litre as a measure of weight shall consist of one Cyprus oke and four-fifths of a Cyprus oke.

The cantar shall consist of forty-four Cyprus okes, and the Aleppo cantar of one hundred and eighty such okes, and the ton of eight hundred such okes.

Cyprus
measures of
capacity.

8. The unit or standard measure of capacity from which all other measures of capacity as well for liquids as for dry goods shall be derived, shall be the kilé, which shall be a measure equal to eight British Imperial gallons.

One-eighth of a kilé shall be a gallon; one thirty-second part of a kilé shall be a quart, and one sixty-fourth part of a kilé shall be a pint.

Nine quarts shall be a kouza, and a load shall consist of sixteen kouzas.

The Cyprus litre as a measure of capacity shall consist of two quarts and four-fifths of a quart.

Measures of
capacity
when used to
be stricken
or filled up.

9. In using a Cyprus measure of capacity it shall either be filled above the upper edge and stricken with a round stick or roller, straight and of the same diameter from end to end or if from the size and shape of the article sold the measure cannot be conveniently stricken it shall be filled in all parts as nearly to the level of the brim as the size and shape of the article will admit.

Statement of
weights and
measures.

First
Schedule.
Equivalents.
Second
Schedule.

10. The First Schedule to this Law contains a tabular statement of the Cyprus weights and measures as settled by this Law.

The Second Schedule sets forth the equivalent of Cyprus weights and measures, and of the weights and measures therein expressed in the terms of the metric system, and may be lawfully used for computing and expressing in weights and measures, weights and measures of the metric system.

Trade
contracts,
etc., to be in
terms of
weights and
measures
defined by
this Law.

11. Every contract, bargain, sale or dealing made or had in Cyprus for any work, goods, wares or merchandise or other thing which has been or is to be done, delivered, carried or agreed for by weight or measure shall be deemed to be made and had according to the weights and measures ascertained by this Law or to some multiple or part thereof; and if not so made or had shall be void; and all tolls and duties charged or collected according to weight or measure, shall be charged and collected according to one of the weights or measures ascertained by this Law, or to some multiple or part thereof.

Such contract, bargain, sale, dealing or collection of tolls and duties as in this section mentioned is in this Law referred to under the term "trade."

12. The use of any other weight or measure than those defined by this Law shall be unlawful ; and any person who sells by any denomination of weight or measure other than one of the weights or measures defined by this Law or some multiple or part thereof, or who has in his possession for use for trade any weight or measure or some multiple or part thereof of such other denomination shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one pound for every such sale or possession :

Sales to be
by weights
defined by
this Law
with
exceptions.
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Provided always that drugs when sold by retail may be sold by the description of weight known as apothecaries weight :

Provided also that no contract or dealing shall be invalid or open to objection on the ground that the weights and measures expressed or referred to therein are weights and measures of the metric system, or on the ground that the decimal divisions of weights and measures, whether metric or otherwise, are used in such contract or dealing :

Provided also that nothing in this Law shall prevent the sale or subject a person to a fine under this Law for the sale of an article in any vessel where such vessel is not represented as containing any particular amount of lawful measure, nor subject a person to a fine under this Law for the possession of a vessel where it is shown that such vessel is not intended to be used as a measure.

13. Any person who prints or who makes any return, price list or price current, or any journal or other paper containing a price list or price current in which the denomination of weights and measures quoted or referred to denotes or implies a greater or less weight or measure than is denoted or implied by the same denomination of the weights and measures defined by this Law, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred mils for every copy of every such return, price list, price current, journal or other paper which he publishes.

Penalty on
price lists,
etc.,
denoting
greater or
less weight
or measure
than the
same deno-
mination of
legal weight
or measure.

14. Every person who uses or has in his possession for use for trade any weight, measure, scale, balance, steel-yard or weighing machine which is false or unjust shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds, or in the case of a second offence five pounds ; and any contract, bargain, sale or dealing made by the same shall be void, and the weight, measure, scale, balance or steel-yard shall be liable to be forfeited,

Penalty on
use of unjust
weights,
measures,
etc.
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