

S.I. No. 228/1985 - European Communities (Units of Measurement) (Amendment) Regulations, 1985.

I, JOHN BRUTON, Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), and for the purpose of giving effect to Council Directive No. 85/1/EEC of the 18th day of December, 1984¹, hereby make the following Regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Units of Measurement) (Amendment) Regulations, 1985.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 10th day of July, 1985.

2. The European Communities (Units of Measurement) Regulations, 1983 (S.I. No. 235 of 1983) are hereby amended by:

(a) the substitution at reference number 1 in Schedule 1 thereto for the definition of "Unit of length" of the following definition:

"Unit of length

The metre is the length of the path travelled by light in vacuum during a time interval of 1/299 792 458 of a second.

(Seventeenth CGPM (1983), Resolution 1).",

(b) the addition to the Table at reference number 4 in Schedule 1 thereto of the following:

"Blood pressure and pressure of other body fluids. Millimetre of mercury mm Hg 1 mmHg = 133,322 Pa

Effective cross-sectional area Barn b 1b = 10⁻²⁸ m²"