

# **Weights and Measures Bill**

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### Weights and Measures Bill

#### Bill No. 57/1975

*Read the first time on 11th November 1975.*

An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the use of uniform weights and measures throughout Singapore.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

##### Short title

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures Act, 1975 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

##### Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“check-weighed”, in relation to any vehicle, means weighed with its load by means of the nearest suitable and available weighing equipment, and weighed again after it has been unloaded by means of the same or other suitable weighing equipment;

“constructional use”, in relation to any goods, means the use of those goods in constructional work in the course of the carrying on of a business;

“container” includes any form of packaging of goods for sale as a single item, whether by way of wholly or partly enclosing the goods or by way of attaching

- the goods to, or winding the goods round, some other article, and in particular includes a wrapper or confining band;
- “contravention”, in relation to any requirement, includes a failure to comply with that requirement, and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;
- “Controller” means the Controller of Weights and Measures appointed under section 29 and includes any officer duly authorised by the Controller to act on his behalf;
- “drugs” has the same meaning as for the purposes of the Sale of Drugs Act [Cap. 167];
- “food” has the same meaning as for the purposes of the Sale of Food Act [Act 12 of 1973];
- “gross weight”, in relation to any goods, means the aggregate weight of the goods and any container in or on which they are made up;
- “indication of quantity”, in relation to any container in or on which goods are made up, means a statement in writing to the effect that those goods are of, or of not less than, a specified quantity by net weight, gross weight or other measurement or by number, as the case may require;
- “industrial use”, in relation to any goods, means the use of those goods in the manufacture of, or for incorporation in, goods of a different description in the course of the carrying on of a business;
- “inspector” means an inspector of weights and measures appointed under section 29;
- “international definition”, in relation to any unit of measurement, means the definition of that unit recognised by the General Conferences of Weights and Measures from time to time convened by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures;
- “intoxicating liquor” has the same meaning as for the purposes of the Customs Act [Cap. 133];
- “mark” includes label;
- “occupier”, in relation to any stall, vehicle, ship or aircraft or in relation to the use of any place for any purpose, means the person for the time being in charge of the stall, vehicle, ship or aircraft or, as the case may be, the person for the time being using that place for that purpose;