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**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST JANUARY 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5, 8 AND 41 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, on behalf of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(3), 8(1) and 41 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it on that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Person Weighing Machines) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

*Amendment of existing regulations*

2. The Weights and Measures (Person Weighing Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall have effect subject to the amendment that for Regulation 15 there shall be substituted:—

“15.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation an inspector shall obliterate the stamp on—

- (a) any person weighing machine which fails to comply with the appropriate requirements of these Regulations;
- (b) any person weighing machine which fails, upon testing, to fall within the prescribed limits of error;
- (c) any person weighing machine which fails to satisfy the tests applied to it in pursuance of Regulation 10;
- (d) any person weighing machine which since it was last stamped has been so altered, repaired or adjusted that in the opinion of the inspector, it has become necessary to ascertain that the indications of the instrument remain correct throughout its range.

(2) Where a person weighing machine does not fully comply with the requirements of these Regulations, but the nature or degree of the non-compliance is not in the inspector's judgment such as to require the immediate obliteration of the stamp, he shall leave with the person in charge of the machine or send by post to the person making the machine available to the public a notice calling on him to have it corrected within a stated period, not exceeding twenty-eight days, and shall obliterate the stamp if the correction has not been made within that period.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1)(d) shall require an inspector to obliterate the stamp on any person weighing machine which has been altered or adjusted if he is satisfied

- (a) that the purpose of the alteration or adjustment was to modify an imperial person weighing machine to indicate weight in metric units or in both metric and imperial units and involved only the replacement or addition of a dial, chart or pointer; and

(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 238.