



GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT  
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The Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment)  
(Weights) Regulations, 1991

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THE STATES BOARD OF EMPLOYMENT, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(1), (4) and (7), 11(1), 61(1) and (3) of the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 1991(a) and in exercise of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations -

Application

1.(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, these Regulations shall apply to all weighing or measuring equipment for use for trade of the following class namely, weights, and such weights are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 8(1) of the Law.

- (2) Nothing in these Regulations shall apply to -
- (a) weights for use only for weighing coins or currency notes for the purpose of determining their number;
  - (b) proportional weights or proportional

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(a) Ordre en Conseil No. XVII of 1991.

counterpoises used through a system of levers on graduated non-self-indicating weighing machines;

or

- (c) externally-controlled weights used through a system of levers and incorporated in two- or three-knife edge balances.

2.(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and Regulation 3 below, Parts II, III and IV, together with the Schedules mentioned therein, of the United Kingdom Weights Regulations 1986(b) ("the United Kingdom Regulations") shall have effect in the Bailiwick as regulations under the Law for the purpose of prescribing for weights -

- (a) materials, shape, adjusting holes and marking;
- (b) testing;
- (c) prescribed limits of error; and
- (d) passing as fit for use for trade, stamping and obliteration of such stamps.

(2) In Regulation 9(1) of the United Kingdom Regulations for the words and figures "(Local and Working Standard Weights and Testing Equipment) Regulations 1986(a)" there shall be substituted "(Bailiwick Standard and Working Standard Weights and Testing Equipment) Regulations 1991"(c).

Interpretation

3.(1) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948(d) applies

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- (b) United Kingdom S.I. 1986/1683.
  - (c) S.I. 1991/43.
  - (d) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

to the interpretation of these Regulations and the United Kingdom Regulations as if they were an enactment.

(2) In these Regulations and the United Kingdom Regulations -

"analogue" means capable of assigning any value or position within a continuous range;

"appropriate local or working standard weights" means the local standards or working standards of weights specified in column 2 of the Table in Schedule 3 to the United Kingdom Regulations, in the case of weights specified in column 1;

"digital" means capable of assigning only certain discrete values or positions within a continuous range by a series of discontinuous steps;

"discrimination threshold" means, in the case of testing equipment with a digital indicator, the weight which produces a change of reading of one digit, and in the case of testing equipment with an analogue indicator, the weight which produces a 1 mm apparent movement of the pointer;

"the Law" means the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 1991;

"local standards" means Bailiwick standards;

"prescribed limits of error" relating to weights has the meaning set out in Regulation 10 of the United Kingdom Regulations;

"repeatability" means the ability of weighing equipment to indicate, under defined conditions of use, closely similar quantities on repeated weighings; and  
"the stamp" means the prescribed stamp(d) and  
"stamped" and "stamping" shall be construed accordingly.

(3) The symbols for, and abbreviations of, units of weight and of measurement used in the United Kingdom Regulations refer to the relevant units set out in Schedule 1 to the United Kingdom Regulations.

Citation

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment) (Weights) Regulations, 1991.

Commencement

5. These Regulations shall come into operation on 17th December, 1991.

Dated 16th December, 1991.



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President of the  
States Board of Employment, Industry and Commerce.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations apply to all weights for use for trade other than those used for weighing coins or currency notes or those used in connection with certain weighing equipment. Such weights are prescribed for the purposes of section 8(1) of the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 1991, so that it is unlawful to use those weights for trade purposes unless they have been tested, passed as fit for such use and where necessary stamped by an inspector of weights and measures.

The powers granted to the Board of Employment, Industry and Commerce under section 61(3) of the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 1991 to make provision by reference to United Kingdom legislation have been used to adopt parts of the United Kingdom Weights Regulations 1986.

These Regulations therefore substantially follow the same requirements as those in the United Kingdom. They make provision by reference to the following parts of the United Kingdom Regulations -

Part II prescribes the materials to be used (Regulation 4), the shape (Regulation 5), the adjusting holes (Regulation 6) and the marking (Regulation 7) of weights. Part III prescribes the method of testing by an inspector of weights and measures (Regulations 8 and 9).

Part IV prescribes the limits of error for weights (Regulation 10), the manner of passing as fit for use for trade (Regulation 11), of stamping (Regulation 12) and obliteration of such stamps (Regulation 13).