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The Weights and Measures
(Measuring Equipment) (Measures of Length) 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. These Regulations apply to measuring equipment for use for trade of the following class, namely measures of length, and such measures are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 8(1) of the Law.

2. Subject to Regulation 3 below, Parts II, III, IV and V of the United Kingdom Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations 1986(b) ("the United Kingdom Regulations") shall have effect in the Bailiwick as regulations under the Law for the purpose of prescribing for measures of length -

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- (a) Ordre en Conseil No. XVII of 1991.
(b) United Kingdom S.I. 1986/1682; as amended by United Kingdom S.I. 1986/2109.

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

Interpretation

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

"composite measure" means a measure of length where one of its principal scale marks is a surface and the other is a line, hole or mark;

"end measure" means a measure of length where its principal scale marks are formed by two surfaces;

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

"measure of length" means a linear measure set out in Part I of Schedule 2 to the Law;

(c) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p.355.

"nominal length" means the maximum length in metric or imperial units which a measure of length is designed to measure in one measurement;

"prescribed limits of error" has the meaning set out in Regulation 24 of the United Kingdom Regulations;

"principal scale marks" means the two surfaces, lines, holes or marks (or combination thereof) on a measure of length the distance between which is the nominal length of the measure;

"the stamp" means the prescribed stamp(d); and

"terminal surface" means a surface forming one of the principal scale marks.

Citation

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

Commencement

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

Dated 16th December, 1991.



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe measures of length for the purposes of section 8(1) of the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 1991, so that it is unlawful to use such measures for trade purposes unless they have been tested, passed as fit for such use and 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 Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) 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 (Regulations 4 to 6), the principles of construction (Regulations 7 to 12) and the marking (Regulations 13 to 19) of measures of length.

Part III prescribes the manner of use for trade of such measures (Regulation 20).

Part IV prescribes the method of testing by an inspector

of weights and measures (Regulations 21 to 23).

Part V prescribes the limits of error for measures of length (Regulation 24) the manner of passing as fit for use for trade (Regulation 25), of stamping (Regulation 26) and obliteration of such stamps (Regulations 27 to 28).

Where a measure has been stamped under previous provisions it may continue in use for trade without the stamp being obliterated, provided it falls within twice the prescribed limits of error, even though it does not comply with the requirements of these Regulations.

Copies of British Standards referred to in Regulation 19(1)(c) of the United Kingdom Regulations may be obtained from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institution (BSI) or by post from the BSI at Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE England.