
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 177

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - - *30th April 1996*

Coming into operation *1st June 1996*

The Department of Economic Development, being satisfied that it is proper, having regard to the law for the time being in force in Guernsey and Alderney to provide by order as set out in Article 2 and to designate Guernsey and Alderney for the purposes of the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981⁽¹⁾ mentioned in Article 3 in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 2(2)⁽²⁾ and 9(1) and (13) of that Order and now vested in it⁽³⁾ and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1996.

(2) In this Order—

“Guernsey” means the islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou; and

“the 1981 Order” means the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Recognition of equipment stamped, or deemed to be stamped, in Guernsey and Alderney

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), weighing or measuring equipment of any class prescribed under Article 9 of the 1981 Order shall be treated for the purposes of the 1981 Order as duly stamped in Northern Ireland under that Article if—

(a) it has been duly stamped in accordance with the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law 1991; or

(b) it falls to be treated for the purposes of that Law as if so stamped.

(2) This Article shall not apply to a non-automatic weighing instrument to which the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1995⁽⁴⁾ apply and which is first stamped on or after 1st January 2003.

(1) S.I. [1981/231](#) (N.I. 10)

(2) See the definition of “designated country”

(3) By S.I. [1982/846](#) (N.I. 11) Art. 4

(4) S.I. [1995/1907](#)

Designation of Guernsey and Alderney

3. Guernsey and Alderney shall be designated countries for the purposes of Articles 5(2), 19(7)(b) and 23(1)(c) of the 1981 Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on

30th April 1996.

A. L. Brown
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

A number of the provisions of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (“the 1981 Order”) relating to the regulation of trade and weighing or measuring equipment used for trade do not apply in relation to goods “for despatch to a destination outside Northern Ireland and any designated country”.

This Order—

- (a) declares Guernsey and Alderney to be designated countries for the purposes of these provisions and other provisions of the 1981 Order which refer to designated countries; and
- (b) provides that any weighing or measuring equipment which would otherwise have to be stamped in accordance with the 1981 Order before it could be used for trade in Northern Ireland is, with the exception of certain non-automatic weighing instruments, to be treated as if it were so stamped when it has been stamped under weights and measures legislation in force in Guernsey and Alderney.

Copies of the Weights and Measures (Guernsey and Alderney) Law 1991 can be obtained by post from Her Majesty’s Greffier, Royal Court House, Guernsey.