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**THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**, in pursuance of Articles 12(1) and (3), 13(1) and 38(1) of the [Weights and Measures \(Jersey\) Law 1967](#), orders as follows –

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

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### **PART 1**

#### **GENERAL**

#### **1**

- (1) In this Order the symbols and abbreviations employed to indicate units of weight refer to the units in relation to which those symbols and abbreviations are set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) A reference in this Order to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

### **PART 2**

#### **PRESCRIBING OF WEIGHTS: CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **2**

All weights shall be a prescribed class of weighing equipment for the purposes of Article 12(1) of the [Weights and Measures \(Jersey\) Law 1967](#).

## MATERIALS

### 3

Save to any extent that it may contain lead in an adjusting hole, or be painted, coated or otherwise treated to inhibit corrosion, a weight, other than a weight for use in connection with the manufacture of explosives, shall –

- (a) if of the flat or wire type, be made of gold or platinum or aluminium or of an alloy of any of those metals or of a metal of a density of not less than 7 nor more than 9.5 grammes per cubic centimetre; or
- (b) if of any other type, be made of a metal of such a density as aforesaid.

## SHAPE

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- (1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), a weight shall only be of a type or form mentioned in the following table in relation to a weight of its purported mass –

Type or form	Weights which may be of that type or form
1. <i>Metric weights</i> (other than carat (metric) weights)	
(i) The rectangular form described in Schedule 2.	Weights of 5 kg or more.
(ii) The cylindrical form described in that Schedule.	Weights of not more than 10 kg nor less than 20 g and of 10, 5, 2 and 1 g.
(iii) The hexagonal form described in that Schedule.	Weights of not more than 2 kg nor less than 100 g.
(iv) The disc form described in that Schedule.	Weights of not more than 20 g nor less than 1 g.
(v) Flat type.	Weights of not more than 1 g nor less than 10 mg.
(vi) Wire type.	Weights of 50 mg or less.
2. <i>Carat (metric) weights</i> .	
(i) Cylindrical with a knob	Weights of 5 C.M. or more.
(ii) Flat type.	Weights of not more than 20 C.M. nor less than 0.05 C.M.
(iii) Wire type.	Weights of 0.25 C.M. or less.
3. <i>Imperial weights</i> (other than grain weights and troy weights)	
(i) Bell, bar, flat-circular or ring type.	Any weight other than a weight of 50, 20, 10 or 5 lb
(ii) Octagonal type.	Weights of 50, 20, 10 or 5 lb
4. <i>Grain weights</i> .	
Flat or wire type.	All grain weights.

Type or form	Weights which may be of that type or form
5. <i>Troy weights.</i>	
(i) Cylindrical with a knob	Weights of 1oz tr or more.
(ii) Flat or wire type.	Weights of 0.5oz tr or less.

- (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) or in Schedule 2 shall preclude any weight from being regarded as fit for use for trade by reason of the fact that one or more edges are chamfered or rounded.

#### ADJUSTING HOLES

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- (1) No metric weight of less than 20 grammes and no imperial weight of less than 1 ounce shall have an adjusting hole.
- (2) No other weight shall have more than one adjusting hole.
- (3) An adjusting hole shall be in the form of a cavity in a plane surface of the weight, and shall either be –
  - (a) undercut and plugged with lead; or
  - (b) closed by a plug or disc made of brass or steel.
- (4) Where an adjusting hole is closed with a plug or disc, the plug or disc shall be secured by a lead pellet driven into an undercut recess or, if the cavity is threaded, the thread.
- (5) No lead plug or pellet shall protrude from the surface of the weight.

#### MARKING

### 6

- (1) All weights other than wire weights shall be marked with a durable and legible indication of their purported mass. Metric weights of disc form shall be so marked on both sides.
- (2) The marking shall comprise figures indicating the number of units and words or an appropriate symbol or abbreviation mentioned in Schedule 1 to indicate the relevant unit. In the case of weights of disc form the figures shall be at least 4mm high.
- (3) No weight shall bear any marking other than –
  - (a) the markings hereinbefore mentioned;
  - (b) the name or mark of the maker;
  - (c) the stamp applied by an inspector of weights and measures; or
  - (d) in the case of a weight in use for trade before 1st January 1976, the name of the owner or an indication of the owner's name.

- (4) Where a weight bears the name or mark of its maker, the height of the mark or lettering shall not exceed one half of the height of the figures employed to indicate its purported weight.

### **PART 3**

#### **TESTING, STAMPING AND OBLITERATING OF STAMPS**

#### **7**

Weights shall not be submitted for testing or tested unless they are in a clean condition.

#### **8**

An inspector shall test a weight by comparison with an appropriate Jersey or working standard weight by the method of substitution on a balance or beam scale or, if the inspector considers it sufficient, by direct comparison.

#### **9**

A weight shall not be passed as fit for use for trade if upon testing it is found to be too heavy by more than the relevant amount specified in Schedule 3 or to be light or not to comply with the relevant requirement of Part 2.

#### **10**

A weight which is passed as fit for use for trade shall be stamped upon the lead in the adjusting hole, or if it has no adjusting hole, upon its under surface or, if it is of disc form, on either of its flat surfaces.

#### **11**

- (1) Where a weight bearing the prescribed stamp is found by an inspector to differ from its purported weight by more than the relevant amount specified in Schedule 3 the inspector shall either obliterate the stamp or serve upon the person in possession of the weight a notice requiring the person to have it adjusted within 28 days.
- (2) Where notice is served as aforesaid and the weight is consequently retested after the expiration of that period and found to be outside the relevant limits of error, the inspector shall obliterate the stamp on it.
- (3) Where a weight bearing the prescribed stamp is found by an inspector not to comply with the relevant requirements of Part 2, the inspector shall obliterate the stamp on it.
- (4) A stamp shall be obliterated pursuant to this Article by impressing on it a design in the form of a six-pointed star as shown in Article 7 of the [Weights and Measures \(General Provisions\) \(Jersey\) Order 1968](#).



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In this Part the “prescribed stamp” means the stamp prescribed by the [Weights and Measures \(Prescribed Stamp\) \(Jersey\) Order 1975](#).

**PART 4****TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CITATION****13**

In the case of weights which are first passed as fit for use for trade before 1st January 1976, the provisions of this Order shall have effect subject to the following modifications, that is –

- (a) in Article 4 the permitted shapes and types of metric weights of any mass shall include the cylindrical, hexagonal, flat and wire types;
- (b) the abbreviations set out in Schedule 1 shall include the following –

Kilogramme ... .. Kilog  
gramme ... .. gm;

- (c) table 1(a) of Schedule 3 shall be extended to apply to hexagonal weights which are not of the form described in Schedule 2 and, accordingly, there shall be added to that table the purported masses and permitted errors set out in the following table –

“Purported mass of the weight.	Permitted error.
20 kg	3 g
10 kg	2 g
5 kg	1 g”.

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This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Weights) (Jersey) Order 1975.

**SCHEDULE 1**

(Articles 1(1) and 6(2))

**ABBREVIATIONS OF UNITS OF WEIGHT***Metric.*

Kilogramme	...	...	...	...	...	kg or kilogram
gramme	...	...	...	...	...	g or gram
milligramme	...	...	...	...	...	mg or milligram
carat (metric)	...	...	...	...	...	C.M.

*Imperial.*

pound	...	...	...	...	...	lb
ounce	...	...	...	...	...	oz
dram	...	...	...	...	...	dr
grain	...	...	...	...	...	gr
ounce troy	...	...	...	...	...	oz. tr or oz. troy

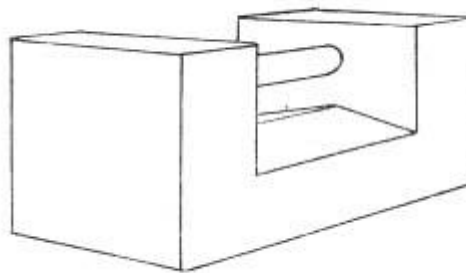
**SCHEDULE 2**

(Article 4)

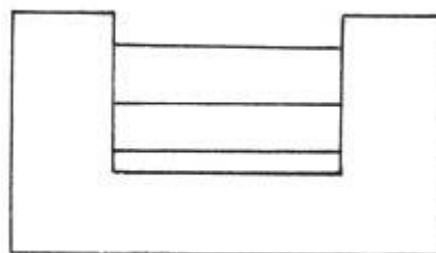
**FORM OF METRIC WEIGHTS****1. Rectangular**

The form of rectangular weight referred to in paragraph 1(i) of the table in Article 4 shall be as shown in diagrams (i), (ii) and (iii) below, except that –

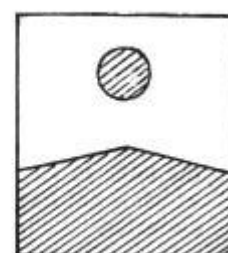
- (a) the length of the weight at the top and the length at the bottom may differ by an amount which does not exceed 5% of the smaller length; and
- (b) the width of the upper surface and the width of the lower surface may differ by an amount which does not exceed 10% of the smaller width.

*Diagram (i).*

(Viewed obliquely and from above the level of the top surface).

*Diagram (ii).*

(Viewed from the side)

*Diagram (iii).*

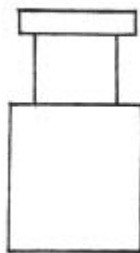
(Viewed from the end)

**2. Cylindrical**

The form of cylindrical weight referred to in paragraph 1(ii) of the table in Article 4 shall be such that –

- (a) any horizontal section is circular; and
- (b) any vertical section through the axis is of the form shown in diagram (iv) below, except that –
  - (i) the diameter of the knob may vary provided that it is not less than one and one half times nor more than twice the diameter of the neck, and
  - (ii) the diameter of the body may vary provided that it is not more than twice the diameter of the neck nor less than the diameter of the knob.

*Diagram (iv).*



### 3. Hexagonal

The form of hexagonal weight referred to in paragraph 1(iii) of the table in Article 4 shall be such that –

- (a) any horizontal section is a regular hexagon;
- (b) all the sides are flat;
- (c) the shortest distance across the base is not less than 80% nor more than 120% of the shortest distance across the top; and
- (d) the height is not less than 45% nor more than 55% of the shortest distance across the top or, if the base is smaller in area than the top, across the base.

### 4. Disc

The form of disc weight referred to in paragraph 1(iv) of the table in Article 4 shall be a circular disc the thickness of which is not less than  $\frac{1}{6}$  nor more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the diameter.

**SCHEDULE 3**

(Articles 9 and 11(1))

**LIMITS OF ERROR****1. Metric weights**

(a) The hexagonal form described in Schedule 2.

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
2kg	600mg
1kg	400mg
500g	250mg
200g	250mg
100g	250mg

(b) All other metric weights (other than carat (metric) weights)

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
5kg or more	106mg per kg of the purported mass
2kg or 1kg	200mg per kg of the purported mass
500g	100mg
200g	50mg
100g or 50g	30mg
not more than 20g nor less than 10g	20mg
5g or 4g	10mg
3g, 2g or 1g	5mg
not more than 500mg but more than 20mg	2mg
20mg	1mg
10mg	0.5mg
5mg or 2mg	0.2mg
1mg	0.1mg

(c) Carat (Metric) weights

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
500 C.M. or 200 C.M.	5mg

100 C.M. or 50 C.M.	2mg
not more than 20 C.M. but more than 0.5 C.M.	1mg
not more than 0.5 C.M. but more than 0.1 C.M.	0.5mg
0.1 C.M. or less	0.2mg

## 2. Imperial weights

### (a) Avoirdupois weights

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
56lb	50gr
50lb	40gr
28lb	30gr
20lb or 14lb	20gr
10lb	16gr
7lb, 5lb or 4lb	10gr
2lb	6gr
1lb, 8oz or 4oz	4gr
2oz or 1oz	1gr
less than 1oz	0.5gr

### (b) Grain weights.

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
more than 10gr	0.05gr
not more than 10gr but more than 0.3gr	0.03gr
0.3gr	0.02gr
0.2gr	0.01gr
0.1gr	0.005gr
0.05gr or 0.03gr	0.003gr
0.02gr	0.002gr
0.01gr	0.001gr

### (c) Troy weights.

Purported mass of the weight	Permitted error
500, 400 or 300oz tr	4gr
200 or 100oz tr	3gr
50 or 40oz tr	2gr

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30 or 20oz tr	1gr
10oz tr	0.5gr
5, 4 or 3oz tr	0.3gr
2 or 1oz tr	0.2gr
0.5oz tr, 0.4oz tr or 0.3oz tr	0.1gr
not more than 0.2oz tr but more than 0.03oz tr	0.05gr
0.03oz tr or less	0.03gr

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## ENDNOTES

### Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Weights and Measures (Weights) (Jersey) Order 1975	R&O.6236	1 January 1976

### Table of Renumbered Provisions

Original	Current
PART I	PART 1
1(2)	spent, omitted from this revised edition
(3)	1(2)
6(3)(i)	6(3)(a)
(ii)	(b)
(iii)	(c)
(iv)	(d)
PART II	PART 2
PART III	PART 3
PART IV	PART 4

### Table of Endnote References

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