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The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1998

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Department of Trade and Industry: National Weights and
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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1998

6. Products Concerned

Non-automatic weighing instruments, that is weighing instruments that require the intervention of an operator in order to complete a weighing operation, when used for certain purposes such as for commerce, legal or tariff transactions, for weighing medical patients, or for making up medicines or pre-packages. (The instruments to which the proposed Regulations apply are those to which Directive 90/384/EEC applies, where they are in use for trade).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

A. The proposed Regulations amend the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1995 (the "1995 Regulations"). They provide for Part III of the 1995 Regulations, which deals with purpose and manner of use

requirements, to be revoked and replaced, with some amendments.

The proposed Regulations provide for differential weighing, for the weighing of pharmaceutical products and precious metals and stones, and prohibit multiple weighing. The Regulations also provide generally for instruments to be erected and used in such a way that they operate within prescribed parameters; and are intended to eliminate the possibility of incorrect weighing results being obtained because of inappropriate use. The only substantive change to Part III as it presently exists is to extend the use of Class III instruments to the weighing of waste.

Recognition of equivalent standards and testing is not applicable.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

B. The United Kingdom would be pleased to be informed by other Member States of the European Economic Area of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The 1995 Regulations, excluding Part III were made in order to implement Directive 90/384/EEC. Part III contains national provisions dealing with purpose and manner of use, and the need to notify separately this Part under Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) was overlooked. This notification and the draft Regulations to replace Part III rectify this situation. The other Parts of the 1995 Regulations did not fall to be notified under Directive 83/189/EEC since they implemented

Directive 90/384/EEC. The requirements within Part III do not impinge upon any of the requirements of the Parts of the 1995 Regulations which implemented Directive 90/384/EEC.

The reason for extending the use of Class III instruments to the weighing of waste is that they are cheaper to obtain and to maintain, whilst still providing a sufficient level of accuracy for this purpose.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Proposals for The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1998.

The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1995 (SI/1995/1907).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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