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Weighing Equipment (Automatic Catchweighing Instruments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata -
Καμμ3ία 3ναρξη προθεσμ3ας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de d3lais - Non fa decorrere la mora -
Neietekm3 atlikšanu - Atid3jimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a k3s3seket - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien
- Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera op3znień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvor3 oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud -
M33r3aika ei ala t3st3 - Inleder ingen frist.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Northern Ireland

4. Notification Number

2005/0676/UK – I10

5. Title



Weighing Equipment (Automatic Catchweighing Instruments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

6. Products Concerned

Automatic catchweighing instruments used for trade, but not automatic checkweighing instruments or automatic weight-grading instruments.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These Regulations implement, in Northern Ireland, International Recommendation OIML R51 ("R51") of the Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale relating to automatic catchweighing instruments (Edition 1996 (E)), to the extent that the Recommendation applies to such instruments following the grant or renewal of a certificate of approval of a pattern by the Department under Article 10 of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (the 1981 Order). The Regulations will help to remove barriers to trade by harmonising national legislative requirements for catchweighers with the requirements of R51. The Regulations set out requirements for:

Type approval; Materials and principles of construction and marking of catchweighers; Manner of erection; Verification; Place of testing; and

Use for trade. The Regulations will also reflect existing policy on mutual recognition of weighing and measuring instruments so as to permit such instruments to be imported into NI (either directly or indirectly through GB) from a State of the European Economic Area (EEA) without the need for further testing within NI, provided that they meet certain requirements. The Regulations will also allow automatic catchweighing instruments to continue to be first passed as fit for use for trade under the Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 [Draft] for a transitional period of 10 years from the date on which the Regulations come into operation.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The United Kingdom is a member of the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML) that produces Recommendations intended to harmonise regulations and metrological controls amongst its member countries. As a member of OIML, the UK has an international obligation to implement into national legislation to the greatest possible extent its Recommendations, including R51. Great Britain implemented R51 with the introduction of The Weighing Equipment (Automatic Catchweighing Instruments) Regulations 2003, which came into force on 3 March 2004. In order to implement R51 on a UK-wide basis, similar legislation now needs to be introduced in Northern Ireland.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (Draft)

The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3236). This document can also be seen at: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2000/20003236.htm>

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

No impact assessment is available for following reasons:

a) In light of an impact assessment carried out in Great Britain for their equivalent Regulations (2005/0430/UK), it was concluded that there would likely be insignificant or negligible additional costs arising from the draft Regulations for business or the voluntary sector in Northern Ireland. An impact assessment was not therefore considered to be required.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft is in conformity with an international standard.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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