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The Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - 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

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5. Title

The Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

6. Products Concerned

Beltweighers

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These Regulations replace with amendments the Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 ("the 1985 Regulations") in the light of the International Recommendation R 50-1 and R 50-2 concerning continuous totalising automatic weighing instruments (beltweighers) issued by the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML). The 1985 Regulations continue to apply to beltweighers passed as fit for use for trade before these Regulations come into operation.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

All of the Member States, and many other countries, are members of OIML, which is dedicated to harmonising the national metrology regulations of its members. In pursuit of this objective, members of OIML have an obligation to implement its Recommendations into their national law. Beltweighers are covered in Directive 2004/22/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on measuring instruments which is due to be brought into operation by 30 October 2006. It is important, however, that the proposed legislation for these instruments is in place for the period before the Directive comes into operation. When transposing Directive 2004/22/EC into national law, the proposed Regulations will be revoked or amended, as necessary.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. 1985 No. 319).

The Weights and Measures (Metrication Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 228).

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) 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;
- (b) The only significant change introduced (which allows beltweighers to be imported from another State of the EEA without further testing in Northern Ireland) should actually result in decreased costs for those businesses which choose to do so.

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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