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The Weights and Measures (Specified Quantities) (Unwrapped Bread and Intoxicating Liquor) Order 2010

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5. Title

The Weights and Measures (Specified Quantities) (Unwrapped Bread and Intoxicating Liquor) Order 2010

6. Products Concerned

Unwrapped bread and non-pre-packaged alcoholic drinks.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft regulation updates the specified quantities (fixed sizes) in which unwrapped bread and non-pre-packed intoxicating liquor may be offered for sale. It does this by amending the Weights and Measures Act 1985 and relevant subordinate legislation. The changes to the law are as follows: (a) specified quantities for unwrapped bread are removed to allow loaves to be sold in any quantity in addition to the traditional sizes of 400 g or multiples thereof; (b) a new specified quantity of 2/3 pint for draught beer and cider is introduced; (c) existing specified quantities for fortified wines are reduced to 50 ml and 70 ml in line with the sale of other spirits; (d) brandy is required to be sold in specified quantities of 25 ml or 35 ml in line with trade practice; (e) it removes the requirement to use specified quantities for glasses of wine below 75 ml. Where loaves are made up in sizes other than the traditional 400g or 800g businesses will be required to provide an indication of quantity. This can be done by labelling in close proximity to loaves or by the provision of a single notice, sign or label listing the quantities of loaves offered for sale.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft regulation modernises the law on specified quantities for non-pre-packaged foodstuffs by enabling businesses to introduce new sizes of product, thereby offering consumers greater choice without diminishing levels of consumer protection. It follows on logically from the recent reform of fixed pack sizes for pre-packaged goods, which resulted in the implementation in April 2009 of Directive 2007/45/EC which removed specified quantities for all pre-packaged goods across Europe, except for wines and spirits. The new law will also help to raise awareness amongst drinkers of their levels of alcohol consumption, and remove any confusion as to the measures being served, by aligning legally permitted quantities with trade practice in the serving of brandy and fortified wine.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Part IV, Schedule 3 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985; The Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1988 (SI 1988/2040); The Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1988 (SI 1988/2039); The Measuring Instruments (Capacity Serving Measures) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/1264).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency



13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

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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