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The Weights and Measures (Specified Quantities) (Unwrapped Bread and Intoxicating Liquor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje 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 késések - Ma' jiftaħ 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 - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Weights and Measures (Specified Quantities) (Unwrapped Bread and Intoxicating Liquor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

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 in Northern Ireland. It does this by amending the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 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) 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 bread by enabling businesses to introduce new sizes of product, thereby offering consumers in Northern Ireland a 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 modernise the law on the sale of intoxicating liquor by quantity on licensed premises to more properly reflect current customer preferences and demands.

The draft Regulation is a parity measure and replicates for Northern Ireland a corresponding GB provision contained in the Weights and Measures (Specified Quantities) (Unwrapped Bread and Intoxicating Liquor) Order 2011 (SI 2011/2331) which came into force on 1 October 2011.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Explanatory Memorandum

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

A Regulatory Impact Assessment to accompany the draft Regulation has not been prepared as there are no new burdens being imposed on the private or voluntary sector in Northern Ireland.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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