

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations increase the penalties under the Calibration of Tanks of Vessels (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1975, the Measuring Container Bottles (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1977, the Alcoholometers and Alcohol Hydrometers (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1977, the Taximeters (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1979 and the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1980. The penalties relating to the obstruction of inspectors and failure to produce production control records are increased to £2000, and the other penalties of £50 are increased to £400 and of £200 to £2000 to bring them into line with offences of similar gravity under section 52(1) and (2) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (c. 31).

The Regulations also bring the definition of “credentials” in the Measuring Container Bottles (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1977 into line with that definition in section 58(1) of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 as amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 to the Weights and Measures Act 1979 (c. 45).