
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Weights and Measures Act 1985 (“the Act”) does not extend to the Isle of Man which has its own weights and measures legislation.

A number of the provisions of the Act relating to the regulation of trade and weighing or measuring equipment used for trade do not apply in relation to goods for “despatch to a destination outside Great Britain and any designated country”.

This Order replaces the Weights and Measures (Isle of Man) Order 1977. The Order—

- (a) continues to declare the Isle of Man to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and other provisions of the Act which refer to designated countries;
- (b) brings up to date the references to the relevant legislation; and
- (c) (except in the case of non-automatic weighing instruments to which the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1992 apply and which are first stamped on or after 1st January 2003) continues to provide that any weighing or measuring equipment which must be stamped by an inspector of weights and measures before it can be used for trade in Great Britain is to be treated as so stamped, if it is to be treated as validly stamped under the laws of the Isle of Man.

The Weights and Measures Act 1989 (Act of Tynwald) may be obtained from the Central Reference Library, Government Offices, Douglas, Isle of Man.