

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT  
(CHAPTER 349, SECTIONS 12 AND 16)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (SALE OF GOODS IN METRIC  
UNITS) ORDER

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[23rd January 1981]

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Sale of Goods in Metric Units) Order.

**Order not to apply to goods sold under tender system, etc.**

2. This Order shall not apply to the sale of goods —
- (a) under a tender system;
  - (b) on board a train, ship or aircraft; and
  - (c) which are pre-packed.

**Offence to sell certain prescribed goods other than in metric quantity**

3.—(1) No person shall after the prescribed date —

- (a) sell or offer for sale any prescribed goods in any weight or measure which is not a weight or measure of the metric system; or
- (b) sell, advertise or display for sale any prescribed goods at a price other than a price expressed by reference to a prescribed metric quantity specified in the third column of the Schedule.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) shall not apply to any prescribed goods which are sold, advertised or displayed for sale in lots or by number provided that the price of the goods is not expressed by reference to non-metric units.

(3) For the purposes of this Order, “prescribed date” means any of the dates set out in the first column of the Schedule and, in relation to any prescribed date, the “prescribed goods” means the goods set out against that date in the second column of the Schedule.

**Offence to possess weighing instrument not calibrated in metric system**

4. No person shall after the prescribed date use for trade or have in his possession for use for trade any weighing or measuring equipment that is not calibrated solely in the metric system for determining the mass or dimensions of any prescribed goods for the purposes of its sale by reference thereto.

**Exemption**

5. The Minister may exempt any goods from all or any of the provisions of this Order.

**Penalty**

6. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with paragraph 3 or 4 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

**THE SCHEDULE**

Paragraph 3

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>
Prescribed date	Prescribed goods	Prescribed metric quantity
1st April 1981	Textiles and textile products of any description	10 centimetres or one metre.
1st May 1981	Groceries (including preserved and dried goods)	10 grams, 100 grams, one kilogram, 100 kilograms or one tonne.
1st June 1981	Pasta (including various types of noodle and various types of “guo tiao”) and bean sprouts	100 grams or one kilogram.
1st July 1981	Meat and meat products	100 grams, one kilogram, 100 kilograms or one tonne.
1st August 1981	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and their products	100 grams, one kilogram, 100 kilograms or one tonne.
1st September 1981	Fruits, vegetables and their products	100 grams, one kilogram, 100 kilograms or one tonne.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
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**1. G. N. No. S 26/1981 — Weights and Measures (Sale of Goods in Metric Units) Order 1981**

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