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AN ACT TO AMEND THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, No. 16 of 1979. Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Weights and Measures Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment"), as amended by Act No. 7 of 1971, is hereby further amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution, for paragraph (d) of that subsection, of the following paragraph:— Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 158.

"(d) a person by name or by office to be or to act as superintendent or assistant superintendent of weights and measures for any specified district or area;"

3. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 35A, and shall have effect as section 35B, of the principal enactment:— Insertion of new section 35B in the principal enactment.

"Power of price control inspectors to enter certain premises and to check any weighing or measuring of goods.

35B. Any price control inspector shall have the power to—

(a) enter any premises used for the purposes of any trade in any place or area in Sri Lanka (including any area within the administrative limits of any local authority), and check any weighing or measuring which is being or which has been done for the purpose of delivering goods to a purchaser;

(b) seize and detain where necessary for the purpose of any prosecution in respect of an offence under section 44B, any goods which have been so delivered in contravention of the said section 44B."

4. Section 49 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:— Replacement of section 49 of the principal enactment.

"Sanction for prosecution.

49. No prosecution shall be instituted against any person for any offence under this Ordinance except by or with the written sanction of the Warden or superintendent for the district or area within which such offence is alleged to have been committed:

Provided, however, that any prosecution in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed in the area within the administrative limits of any local authority may be instituted with the written sanction of the Chairman of that authority."

Amendment of section 56 of the principal enactment.

5. Section 56 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) by the substitution, for the definition of “superintendent”, of the following definition :—

“superintendent”, means a superintendent or an assistant superintendent of weights and measures appointed under section 2 ;’ ; and

(b) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of “prescribed”, of the following new definition :—

“price control inspector” means a price control inspector appointed under the Control of Prices Act (Chapter 173) ;’.

Amendment of Parts I, II, III, IV, XII, and XIII of the Second Schedule to the principal enactment.

6. The Second Schedule to the principal enactment, as amended by Law No. 24 of 1974, is hereby further amended as follows :—

(1) in Part I thereof, in item 1 of that Part, by the addition at the head of each of the columns headed “Multiplication factors,” “Prefix” and “SI Symbol” respectively of the following :—

“1 000 000 000 000 000 000—10¹⁸ .. exa .. E
1 000 000 000 000 000—10¹⁵ .. peta .. P” ;

(2) in Part II thereof under the heading “2-MEASUREMENT OF LENGTH” in item “2.1 Other Metric Units”, by the substitution for all the words and figures “1 centimetre—1/100th of a metre, of the words and figures, “1 centimetre, Symbol cm—1/100th of a metre” ;

(3) in Part III thereof, under the heading “3-MEASUREMENT OF AREA”—

(a) in item “3.1 SI Units”—

(i) by the substitution, for the words “Square metre—The superficial area of a square each side of which measures 1 metre”, of the words “Square metre, Symbol—m²—The superficial area of a square each side of which measures 1 metre” ;

(ii) by the substitution, for the words and figures “Square kilometre—1 000 000 square metres”, of the words and figures “Square kilometre, Symbol—km²—1 000 000 square metres” ; and

(iii) by the substitution, for the Words and figures “Square millimetre—1/1000 000th of a square metre”, of the words and figures “Square millimetre, Symbol—mm²—1/1000 000th of a square metre” ;

(b) in item " 3.2 Other Metric Units " —

(i) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Hectare—100 ares—10 000 square metres ", of the words and figures " Hectare, Symbol, has 100 ares—10 000 square metres " ;

(ii) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Are—100 square metres ", of the words and figures " Are, Symbol, a—100 square metres "

(iii) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Square decimetre—100 square metres ", of the words and figures " Square decimetres Symbol, dm^2 —100 square metres ; and

(iv) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Square centimetre—1/10 000th of a square metre ", of the words and figures " Square centimetre, Symbol, cm^2 —1/10 000th of a square metre " ;

(4) in Part IV thereof, under the heading " 4—MEASURE
MENT OF VOLUME OR CAPACITY "—

(a) in item " 4.1 SI Units ", by the substitution, for the words and figures " Cubic metre—A volume equal to that of a cube each edge of which measures 1 metre ", of the words and figures " Cubic metre, Symbol, m^3 —volume equal to that of a cube each edge of which measures 1 metre " ;

(b) in item " 4.2 Other Metric Units :—"

(i) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Hecto litre — 100 litres (100 cubic decimetres) = 1/10th of a cubic metre ", of the words and figures " Hecto litre, Symbol, hl = 100 litres (100 cubic decimetres) = 1/10th of a cubic metre " ;

(ii) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Cubic decimetre = 1/1 000th of a cubic metre ", of the words and figures " cubic decimetre, Symbol, dm^3 = 1/1 000th of a cubic metre " ;

(iii) by the substitution, for the words and figures " Litre " = 1 cubic decimetre = 1/1 000th of a cubic metre ", of the words and figures " Litre, Symbol, l = 1 cubic decimetre = 1/1 000th of a cubic metre " ;

(iv) by the substitution, for the words and figures "Cubic centimetre = 1/100 000th of a cubic metre", of the words and figures "Cubic centimetre, Symbol, cc = 1/1000 000th of a cubic metre"; and

(v) by the substitution, for the words and figures "Centilitre = 1/100th of a litre = 1/100 000th cubic metre", of the words and figures "Centilitre, Symbol, cl = 1/100th of a litre = 1/100 000th cubic metre";

(5) in PART XII thereof, by the substitution for item 12.1 of the following new item :—

" 12.1 Activity : The SI unit of nuclear activity is the becquerel (Symbol, bq). The becquerel is the activity of a radioactive source in which one nuclear transformation or transition occurs per second— $Bq = S^{-1}$ "; and

(6) in PART XIII thereof, by the substitution for item '13.2' of the following new item :—

" 13.2, The absorbtion dose or an equivalent dose of an ionising radiation.

The SI unit : The SI unit of the absorbtion dose or the equivalent dose is the gray (Symbol, Gy). The gray is the dose absorbed in an element of matter of one kilogramme mass to which the energy of one joule is imparted by ionising radiation whose energy fluence is constant ($1 Gy = J/kg$).