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This Order which comes into operation on 1st January, 1980, declares the Isle of Man to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and the other sections of the Act which refer to designated countries and removes the exemption where the Isle of Man is concerned. The provisions described will in future apply to goods intended for despatch to the Isle of Man as they do to goods intended for despatch to Great Britain which was similarly designated in 1969, or to goods intended for sale in Northern Ireland.

The Order also provides 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 Northern Ireland is to be treated as so stamped if it is to be treated as validly stamped in accordance with the law of the Isle of Man.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Government Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast 1.

The Department of Commerce has made an Order entitled: *Weights and Measures (Jersey) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 No. 422.*

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This Order which comes into operation on 1st January, 1980, declares Jersey to be a designated country for the purposes of these provisions and the other sections of the Act which refer to designated countries and removes the exemption where Jersey is concerned. The provisions described will in future apply to goods intended for despatch to Jersey, as they do to goods intended for despatch to Great Britain which was similarly designated in 1969, or to goods intended for sale in Northern Ireland.

The Order also provides 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 Northern Ireland is to be treated as so stamped if it is to be treated as validly stamped in accordance with the law of Jersey.

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#### PRICES ACT 1974

The Department of Commerce has made an Order entitled: *"Price Marking (Fish) Order Northern Ireland) 1979 No. 408"*.

The Order, which comes into operation on 31st December, 1979, revokes and replaces without modification the provisions of the Price Marking (Meat and Fish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. 1974 No. 216) which relates to fish. The provisions of the Order relating to meat are now contained in separate legislation (S.R. 1978 No. 50).

The Order requires the price of certain types of fish offered or exposed for retail sale to be indicated, and also requires the unit price (price per pound weight) to be indicated.

The reason for revoking and re-enacting the 1974 Order is that it was not a statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. By virtue of section 16(3) of the Price Commission Act 1977 this Order is a statutory rule.

The Department of Commerce has made an Order entitled: *Weights and Measures (Potatoes) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 No. 409.*

The Order, which comes into operation on 21st January, 1980, provides that potatoes, in the state in which they were harvested or in that state apart from cleaning, may be pre-packed only in a prescribed range of imperial or metric weights where the quantity does not exceed 25 kg (approximately 55 lb). Every container in which potatoes are pre-packed must be marked with an indication of quantity by net weight.

Notwithstanding these requirements, potatoes which individually weight 175 g (approximately 6 oz) or more may also be pre-packed in containers marked with an indication of the quantity by number and with a statement that the net weight, expressed in grams, of each potatoe in the container is not less than 175 g or a greater weight specified in the statement.

If not pre-packed, potatoes must, when sold by retail, be sold only by net weight.

The reference in the Order to metric units is new.

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The Department of Commerce has made an Order entitled: *"Price Marking (Fruits and Vegetables) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 No. 410."*

The Order, which comes into operation on 24th December 1979, revokes the Price Marking (Fruits and Vegetables) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 49) and reproduces without modification its provisions which require the price of fresh fruits and vegetables which are offered or exposed for retail sale to be indicated. Various methods of indicating the price are specified, for both pre-packed and non-pre-packed goods.

The reason for revoking and re-enacting the 1976 Order is that it was not a statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. By virtue of section 16(3) of the Price Commission Act 1977 this Order is a statutory rule.

Copies of the Order may be obtained from the Government Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast 1.

The Department of Commerce has made an Order entitled: *"Price Marking (Food) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 No. 414."*

The Order, which comes into operation on 1st January, 1980, requires the display of prices for the sale of food and drink for human consumption when an indication is given on any premises that it is or may be for sale there.

The price to be indicated is a price for the food in question or for the quantities or units of measurement in which it is sold.

The Order does not require the display of prices for most food sold in shops by counter service, or food sold for consumption on the premises on which it is sold, and does not affect food already covered by Orders requiring the display of unit prices for particular foods.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(6) of the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919(a) and section 29(7) of the Planning and Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

#### *Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Determination of Unfitness) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January, 1980. (S.R. 1979 No. 379).