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1980, No. 154

An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act 1925

[13 January 1981]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1980, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Weights and Measures Act 1925.

2. Use of metric and Imperial denominations for the purposes of sale by retail—The Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1976 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 4, the following section:

“4A. (1) The Minister may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, authorise the use of any denomination of an Imperial weight or measure on any specified goods or specified class of goods displayed or exposed for sale by retail or on the packages of any such goods or class of goods or on both if the Minister is satisfied—

“(a) That the goods or class of goods are part of a line of goods intended for sale by retail both—

“(i) In New Zealand; and

“(ii) In a country in which the denomination of an Imperial weight or measure is required by law

to be marked on the goods or class of goods or on the package in which they are enclosed or on both; and

“(b) That the quantity of that line of goods to be sold by retail in New Zealand is too small to justify the cost of marking the goods, or the packages of the goods, that are to be sold in New Zealand differently from the goods or the packages of the goods that are to be sold by retail in a country outside New Zealand.

“(2) The Minister may in a notice under subsection (1) of this section specify conditions subject to which any denomination of an Imperial weight or measure may be used on any goods or class of goods or package to which subsection (1) (a) of this section applies.

“(3) The Minister may at any time, by notice in the *Gazette*, amend or revoke any notice given under subsection (1) of this section.

“(4) It shall not be an offence against section 4 (1) of this Act for any person to use any denomination of an Imperial weight or measure on any goods, or on the package of any goods, displayed or exposed for sale by retail if—

“(a) A notice under subsection (1) of this section is in force in respect of—

“(i) The goods; or

“(ii) The class of goods to which the goods belong; or

“(iii) The package; and

“(b) The Imperial denomination is additional to one or more of the weights or measures of the metric system; and

“(c) Any conditions which are specified in the notice and which are applicable to—

“(i) The goods; or

“(ii) The class of goods to which the goods belong; or

“(iii) The package,—

are complied with.”

3. Repeal of spent provisions—Section 4 (3) of the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1976 and section 3 of the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1977 are hereby repealed.