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Weights And Measures Law And The Sale Of Meat And Poultry

Introduction

The sale of meat and poultry (whether fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, cooked or processed) is controlled by weights and measures law. This brief summary is designed to help you to understand these legal requirements.

Must I sell all meat and poultry by weight?

As a general rule, all sales of meat and poultry (other than cooked poultry, single cooked sausages in natural casings less than 500 g in weight and sausage-meat products other than in sausage form when offered or exposed for sale as a single item in a quantity of less than 500 g) loose from bulk must be by net weight (the weight of the produce without wrapping) - although if the wrapping or container is sufficiently light then the sale may be by gross weight. *A plastic or paper bag (or other container weighing less than 5 g) will probably be sufficiently light for the sale to be by gross weight.*

The weight must be in metric units (kg and/or g) and must be made known to the buyer before payment is made. This may be done either:

- by weighing the goods in front of the customer - the scales must be clearly visible; or
- by giving the customer the weight in writing - perhaps by using a combined weight and price ticket.

What about pre-packing meat and poultry?

If you wish to pre-pack meat and poultry (make up packages in containers prior to sale), you must clearly mark each package with an indication of the net weight. This rule applies to all pre-packed meat and poultry (including cooked poultry, sausages and sausage-meat products other than in sausage form).

What about meat and poultry pies, puddings and flans and sausage rolls?

You do not have to sell meat and poultry pies, puddings or flans or sausage rolls by weight

Weighing equipment

All weighing equipment used to weigh or pre-pack meat and poultry must be of an approved type and carry an approval mark to show that it has been properly tested.

Weights must be stated in metric units (kg and/or g) although you may, if you wish, also indicate an equivalent imperial weight (provided this is no more prominent than the metric indication).

This is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance.

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Do you require the services of an interpreter?

If you do, please contact **01595 744537** for assistance.

We will provide an interpreter, or we can supply the document in your choice of language.

你是否需要傳譯服務?

如果需要，請致電 01595 744537 尋求幫助。

我們會通當地為你安排傳譯人員或者提供你需要文字的文件。

ਕੀ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਇੰਟਰਪਰੈਟਰ (ਤੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਆ) ਦੀਆਂ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ?

ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਲਈ 01595 744537 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

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আপনি কি একজন দোভাষীর সাহায্য চান ?

যদি আপনার প্রয়োজন থাকে তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে যোগাযোগ করুন -01595 744537
যেখানে সম্ভব সেখানে একজন দোভাষীর ব্যবস্থা করা হবে অথবা আপনি যে ভাষাতে চা
দলীলটি অনুবাদ করে আপনাকে প্রদান করা হবে।

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پسندیدہ زبان میں فراہم کیا جائے گا۔