

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1978

ORDINANCE NO. 36 OF 1978

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Weights and Measures (Amendment) Ordinance 1978 amends the Weights and Measures Ordinance 1929 to further promote metric conversion in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Ordinance requires a person who exposes or advertises for sale goods specified in Schedule 1 to state the price of the goods in terms of metric units of measurement. The price may be expressed in imperial units of measurement provided that the price for imperial quantities is not displayed or advertised more prominently than the metric price.

The Ordinance requires all weights, measures, and weighing and measuring instruments being verified or re-verified and stamped on or after a date to be fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette to be metric.

The Ordinance will also metricate the quantities in which coal or firewood may be sold.

The present legislation provides for the sale of loaves of bread in either ounces or grams. The Ordinance deletes the reference to ounces thus confining the sale of loaves of bread (other than bread rolls and Vienna, French or Fancy Bread) to loaves of standard metric sizes.

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