

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (PACKAGED GOODS) REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 5 of 1973

The Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations made under the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Ordinance require amendment to incorporate amendments to the uniform packaging legislation enacted throughout Australia by the States on the Advice of the Commonwealth/State Standing Committee on Packaging.

The primary effect of the proposed amendments will be to incorporate metric units of measurement in the legislation.

Other amendments to the legislation include –

- (i) amendments to various regulations concerning the manner of marking certain packages with the weight or measure of articles therein or identifying the packer;
- (ii) an amendment to regulation 14 to provide that the size of dressed poultry may be expressed by a number in the manner provided in sub-regulation 14(3.) and the Fifth Schedule;
- (iii) a new regulation 121A to permit certain articles to be marked “Net weight at standard conditions” under section 12 of the Ordinance. This relates to woollen and other yarns as the weight of these articles varies with atmospheric conditions and weighing at standard atmospheric conditions ensures accurate weight calculation.