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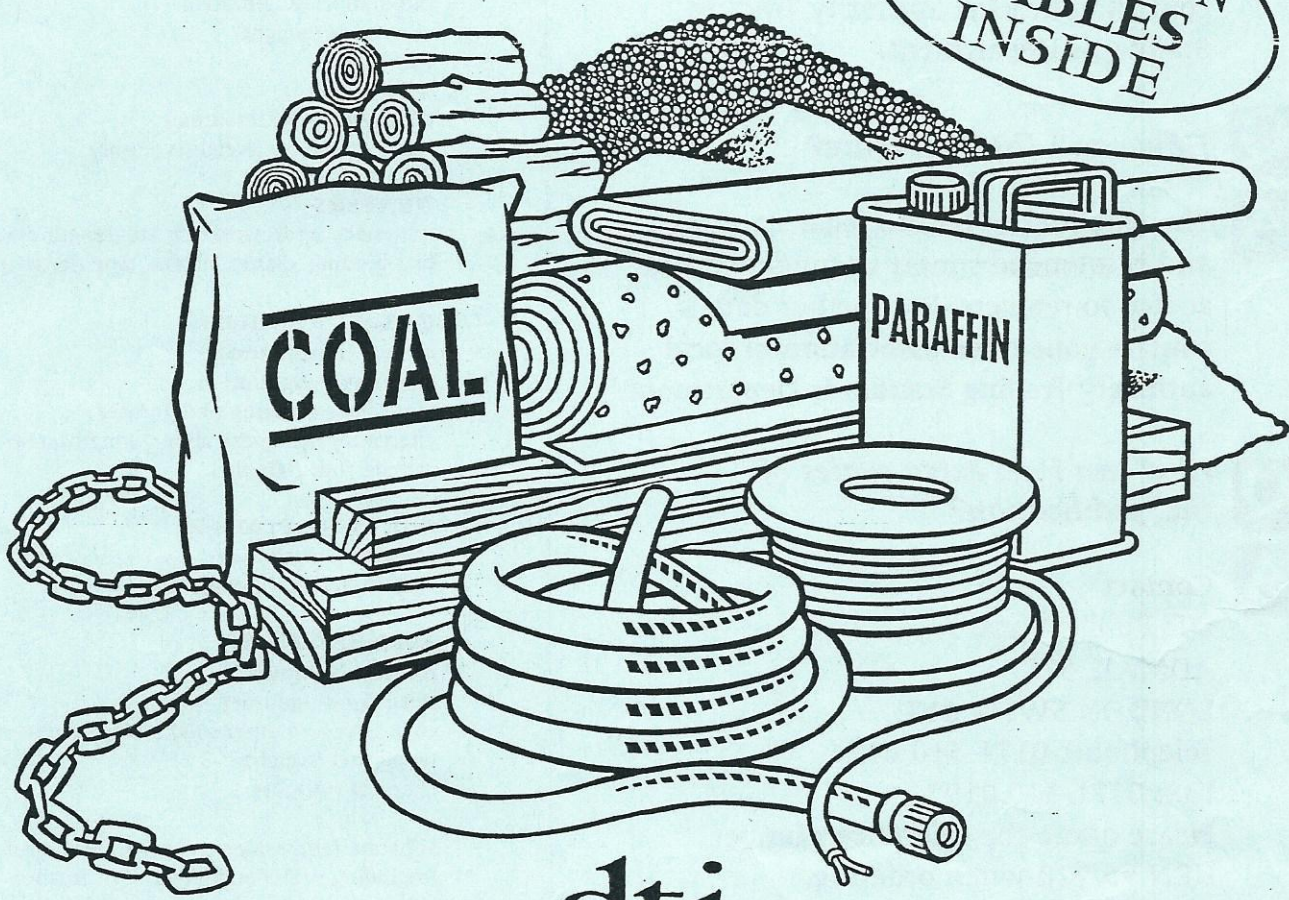
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MEASURE IT
METRIC ✓

NEW RULES FOR SELLING NON-FOODS LOOSE BY MEASUREMENT

from 1 October 1995

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Q *What if my customers ask for an imperial quantity after I have decided to go metric?*

A You may find that, from habit, some customers continue to ask for an imperial quantity of goods. If so (for example, if you are asked for "two yards of bias binding") you should explain that you are measuring out the nearest metric equivalent.

Q *What about advertising?*

A The new laws apply to prices quoted in advertisements and on window posters, as well as to prices displayed inside shops.

Q *What about foods?*

A For guidance about foods contact the address below, quoting reference number URN 95/516. Alternatively, contact your local authority Trading Standards Department.

Q *How can I find out more?*

A This publication has no legal standing and is intended simply as guidance and advice to retailers. For further details, contact your trade association or local authority Trading Standards Department.

Q *How can I get extra copies of this publication?*

A Contact
DTI Publications,
ADMAIL 528,
LONDON SW1W 8YT.
Telephone: 0171-510 0174.
Fax: 0171-510 0197.
Please quote the reference number
URN 95/720 when ordering.

Q *What goods are affected by the new rules?*

A The list that follows is not intended to be a complete statement of items that fall under the new legislation. **Any non-food goods sold loose by measurement (except in pounds and ounces) must go metric by 1 October 1995. Those presently sold in pounds and ounces must go metric by 1 January 2000.**

DIY STORES

metal chain (length)
glass (length/area)
wood (length)
electric cable (length)
rope (length)
TV, radio and hi-fi cable (length)
roof felts etc (length/area)
roofing material for sheds (length/area)
sheeting (length/area)
wind-break materials (length/area)
sand, gravel etc (weight/volume)

GARDEN CENTRES

ornamental garden chain (length)
water hose (length)
pond liner (length/area)
grass seed (weight)
turf (area)
wood (length)
compost (weight/volume)
sand, gravel etc (weight/volume)

DRAPERS

materials for dressmaking etc (length/area)
bias binding, elastic, ribbon, tape (length)

CARPET RETAILERS

carpets (length/area)
underlay (length/area)
vinyl floor covering (length/area)
charge for laying the above (length/area)
gripper rods (length)

CURTAIN RETAILERS

curtains (length/area)
curtain material (length/area)

FUEL RETAILERS

paraffin (volume)
heating oil (volume)
coal, coke and other solid fuels (weight)
wood fuel (weight)
charcoal (weight)

Separate requirements apply to *motor fuel* (including petrol and diesel). For further information, please contact your local trading standards department.