

standards of measure and weight for the purposes of the Acts in Northern Ireland:—

(1) If the Ministry by order so direct, there shall be primary standards of measure and weight for Northern Ireland for determining the imperial standard yard and the imperial standard pound respectively, and for the purpose of providing such primary standards for Northern Ireland the Ministry shall cause accurate copies to be made of the Imperial standard of weight and the Imperial standard of measure of the same form and material as the Imperial standards, and the copies so made shall, when approved by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, be the primary standards for Northern Ireland.

Provision may be made by order under this paragraph for applying in relation to the primary standards for Northern Ireland any of the provisions of the Acts relating to the Parliamentary copies of the Imperial Standards.

(2) The Ministry shall, as soon as may be after the appointed day and thereafter from time to time, cause to be provided and verified such secondary standards of measure and weight (being standards of such denominations as the Board of Trade have power to cause to be made under section eight of the Act of 1878 as amended and extended by any other enactment contained in the Acts), as appear to the Ministry to be required for the purposes of the Acts in Northern Ireland.

(3) If at the date of verification primary standards have been provided for Northern Ireland, the Ministry may, if they think fit, by order direct that the secondary standards made under the foregoing paragraph shall be duly verified by comparison with those standards.

(4) If at the date of verification no order has been made by the Ministry under the last preceding paragraph, the Ministry shall cause the secondary standards made as aforesaid to be duly verified by comparison with the Board of Trade standards, and the Board shall from time to time, on being so required by the Ministry and at their expense, verify any standards submitted to the Board by the Ministry for verification:

Provided that, if the Ministry so think fit, any of the secondary standards aforesaid, other than the standards for determining the imperial standard yard and the imperial standard pound respectively, may be verified by comparison with those other standards and with each other instead of by comparison with the Board of Trade standards.

(5) The secondary standards provided and verified under the foregoing provision shall, when approved by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, be the secondary standards for Northern Ireland, and shall be called the Northern Ireland secondary standards, and references in the Acts to the Board of Trade standards shall, in the application of the Acts to Northern Ireland, be construed as references to the Northern Ireland secondary standards.

(6) The Northern Ireland secondary standards, and the Northern Ireland primary standards (if any), shall be in the custody of the Ministry.

9.—(1) All local standards of measure and weight (including local sub-standards and working standards) provided and verified, and

all weights and measures verified and stamped, under the Acts before the appointed day shall, for the purposes of those Acts in their application to Northern Ireland, be deemed to have been provided and verified, or verified and stamped, as the case may be, under those Acts as applying to Northern Ireland and as adapted by this Part of this Order, and all indentures, accounts, statements and other documents relating to the verification or re-verification of any standards in Northern Ireland shall be deemed to have been made, issued, signed and kept under the said enactments as so applying and adapted as aforesaid.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Acts the Ministry may by order direct that the time within which local standards are required to be re-verified shall be extended to such date, not being later than four weeks after the date on which secondary standards for Northern Ireland are first approved by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, as the Ministry may think fit.

10.—(1) If and so long as there are no primary standards for Northern Ireland, section thirty-six of the Act of 1878 shall not apply to Northern Ireland and in lieu thereof the following provision shall have effect in relation to Northern Ireland:—

“Once at least in every five years the Ministry shall cause the Northern Ireland secondary standards for determining the imperial standard yard and the imperial standard pound respectively to be compared with the corresponding Board of Trade standards, and the other Northern Ireland secondary standards to be compared with either the first-mentioned secondary standards or the Board of Trade standards and with each other, and shall, so far as is necessary, in any case cause the Northern Ireland secondary standards to be adjusted or renewed, and the Board of Trade shall, on being so required by the Ministry and at the expense of the Ministry, do all things necessary for enabling the Ministry to give effect to the requirements of the foregoing provision.”

(2) If and when primary standards are provided for Northern Ireland the Ministry may, if they think fit, by order direct that as from such date as may be specified in the order the foregoing provisions of this Article shall cease to have effect, and if any such order is made the said section thirty-six shall as from the date specified in the order apply to Northern Ireland with the substitution of the primary standards for Northern Ireland for the Parliamentary copies of the imperial standards.

11. References to the United Kingdom in sections nineteen and forty-five of the Act of 1878 shall, in the application of those sections to the United Kingdom exclusive of Northern Ireland, be construed as references to that part of the United Kingdom and, in the application of those sections to Northern Ireland, be construed as references to Northern Ireland.

12.—(1) If the Royal Irish Constabulary is disbanded or otherwise ceases to exist in Northern Ireland, or if the Ministry for any other reason think it desirable to make an order under this Article, the Ministry may, after consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by order direct that the functions in connection with the verification and inspection of weights and measures which under the Acts are to be performed by members of the Royal Irish Constabulary shall be