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logram as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule A.

Article 4

Metre to be primary measure of length

1. A metre shall be the primary measure of length.
2. The measure of length specified in the first column of Schedule B hereto are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a metre as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule B.

Article 5

Square metre to be primary measure of surface

1. A square metre shall be the primary measure of surface.
2. The measures of surface specified in the first column of Schedule C hereto are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a square metre as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule C.

Article 6

Cubic metre to be primary measure of volume

1. A cubic metre shall be the primary measure of volume.
2. The measure of volume specified in the first column of Schedule D hereto are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a cubic metre as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule D.

Article 7

Litre to be primary measure of capacity

1. A litre shall be the primary measure of capacity.
2. The measures of capacity specified in the first column of Schedule E hereto are hereby declared to be such parts or multiples of a litre as are respectively specified in the second column of the said Schedule E.

Article 8

Standard weights and measures

1. The Ministry of Commerce shall procure weights and measures and their parts and multiples referred to in the preceding Articles, which shall be kept in safe custody by the Controller and such other persons to whom powers and functions may be the dele-

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regulated under Article 10. Such weights and measures shall be the standard Weights and Measures and shall, for all purposes, be conclusively deemed to be true and accurate.

Chapter III.

CONTROLLER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Article 9

Director of Internal Trade to be Controller

The Director of Internal Trade in the Ministry of Commerce shall, ex officio, be the Controller of Weights and Measures.

Article 10

Power and functions of Controller

1. It shall be the function of the Controller to ensure that all weights, weighing instruments and measures used for trade throughout the Republic shall conform with the provisions of this Law. For this purposes, the Controller shall have the power to inspect them. In the exercise of such power, the Controller may, at all reasonable hours of the day, enter any premises where such weights, weighing instruments and measures are used for trade.

2. The Controller may delegate any of his powers and functions under this Law to any persons at the Regional or District level. Any such delegation shall be in writing and shall specify the area of operation.

Article 11

Verification of weights and measures

1. Every person who uses or has in his possession for use for trade any weight, weighing instrument or measures shall submit the same to the controller for verification at such time and place as may be specified by the Controller.

2. The Controller shall verify the weights and measures with the Standard Weights and Measures and stamp them with a verification stamp kept for the purpose and shall, on payment of a fee of Sh. So. 5/- issue a certificate of correctness in the form set out in Schedule F.

Chapter IV.

PENAL PROVISIONS

Article 12

Use or possession of illegal or incorrect weights and measures

Any person who uses or has in his possession for use for trade a weight or measures which is not prescribed by this law for such

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use, or which is incorrect, shall be guilty of an offence punishable in accordance with Article 535 of the Code.

Article 13

Use or possession of weights and measures without stamp

Any person who uses or has in his possession for use for trade a weight or measure which has not been stamped and in respect of which a certificate of correctness has been issued under Article 11, shall be guilty of an offence punishable in accordance with Article 535 of the Penal Code.

Article 14

Failure to submit weights and measures for verification

Any person who, without reasonable and sufficient cause, fails to submit for verification any weights and measures when lawfully required to do so under Article 11, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with a fine not exceeding Sh. So. 100/- or imprisonment not exceeding one month or both.

Article 15

Manufacture or sale of false weights and measures

Any person who manufactures or sells false weights and measures is guilty of the same crime as any-one who uses or has in his possession for use such weights and measures, under Articles 12 and 13 of this Law and Articles 364 and 535 of the Penal Code.

Article 16

Other offences

Any person who violates the provisions of this law or any Regulations issued hereunder, for which no specific penalty is provided, shall be guilty of an offence punishable with a fine up to Sh. So. 100/- or imprisonment up to one month or both.

Article 17

Forfeiture

The Court may, on conviction for an offence under this law or any Regulations issued hereunder, order the forfeiture of any weight, weighing instrument or measure in accordance with Article 182 and 183 of the Penal Code. Any such weight, weighing instru-

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ment or measure shall be broken up and the material thereof may be sold or otherwise disposed of as the Court may direct, and the proceeds of such sale shall form part of the General Revenue of the Republic.

Article 18

Civil remedies not affected

No proceeding or conviction for an offence under this law shall affect any civil remedy to which any person aggrieved by the offence may be entitled under the law or under Article 158 of the Penal Code.

Chapter V.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 19

Regulations

The President of the Supreme Revolutionary Council may, on the proposal of the Secretary of State for Commerce, by Decree issue Regulations for the proper implementation of this Law.

Article 20

Repeal

The following laws and provisions are hereby repealed:

- (a) Weights and Measures Ordinance (No. 9 of 31st July 1959), applicable in the Regions of Hargeisa and Burao;
- (c) Any other laws or provisions contrary to, or inconsistent with, this law.

Article 21

Coming into force

This law shall come into force on 1st January, 1973, and shall be published in the Official Bulletin.

Mogadishu, 14 December, 1972.

Jaalle Maj. Gen. Mohamed Siad Barre

PRESIDENT

of the Supreme Revolutionary Council

Schedule « A »
(Article 3)

KILOGRAM

<i>Weights</i>		<i>Equivalent in grams</i>	
milligram	(mg)	.001	g
centigram	(cg)	.01	g
decigram	(dg)	.1	g
gram	(g)	1	g
decagram	(dg)	10	g
hectogram	(hg)	100	g
kilogram	(kg)	1000	g
myriagram	(myg)	10000	g
quintal	(q)	100000	g
ton	(t)	1000000	g

Schedule « B »
(Article 4)

M E T R E

<i>Measures of length</i>		<i>Equivalent in metres</i>	
millimetre	(mm)	.001	m
centimetre	(cm)	.01	m
decimetre	(dm)	.1	m
metre	(m)	1	m
decametre	(dm)	10	m
hectometre	(hm)	100	m
kilometre	(km)	1000	m

Schedule « C »
(Article 5)

SQUARE METRE

<i>Measures of surface</i>		<i>Equivalent in square metres</i>	
square millimetre	(sq mm)	.000001	sq m
square centimetre	(sq cm)	.0001	sq m
square decimetre	(sq dm)	.01	sq m
square metre	(sq m)	1	sq m
square decametre	(sq dm)	100	sq m
square hectometre	(sq hm)	10000	sq m
square kilometre	(sq km)	1000000	sq m

Schedule « D »
(Article 6)

CUBIC METRE

<i>Measure of volume</i>		<i>Equivalent in cubic metre</i>	
cubic millimetre	(cm)	.000000001	cm
cubic centimetre	(ccm)	.000001	cm
cubic decimetre	(cdm)	.001	cm
cubic metre	(cm)	1	cm

Schedule « E »
(Article 7)

L I T R E

<i>Measures of capacity</i>		<i>Equivalent in litre</i>	
millilitre	(ml)	.001	litre
centilitre	(cl)	.01	litre
decilitre	(dl)	.1	litre
litre	(l)	10	litres
decalitre	(dl)	100	litres
hectolitre	(hl)		

Schedule « F »
(Article 11)

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTNESS

I,

hereby certify that the following weights, weighing instruments and measures name'y:

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belonging to

residing at

have been examined by me and found correct and that I have affixed the verification stamp accordingly.

This Certificate shall remain in force for one year from the date hereof.

Dated at..... this..... day of.....

Fee: Sh. So. 5/-