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Letter to all consultees

Dear Consultee,

Consultation on draft regulations to replace Part V of the Weights and Measures Act 1985 and the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations 1986

You will recall that, in March last year, we sought the views of consultees on proposals to simplify existing weights and measures law governing the quantity control of packaged goods. The focus of that consultation was on the key issues to be addressed in revising the regulations. The response was broadly positive, with most respondents supporting the reforms in principle.

Having taken account of those responses we are now consulting on draft regulations which we intend should replace the Packaged Goods Regulations 1986, together with Part V of the Weights and Measures Act 1985. A consultation document is attached, which explains the proposed new regulations and poses some specific questions, together with a copy of the draft regulations, draft guidance on the proposed regulations, and a consultation response form. Responses are invited by 7 October.

We would very much welcome your participation in this further consultation process; it is important that all of those with an interest make their views known to us so that they can be fully taken into account in the development of a new, unified set of regulations. The aim is that the new regulations will be implemented in April 2006.

If consultees would find it helpful to have a presentation and workshop on the proposals, the DTI would be happy to arrange this. A provisional date of Wednesday 7 September has been identified, and the workshop would

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be held at DTI headquarters, 1, Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. If you are interested in attending, please let Paul Cole know at: paul.cole@dti.gsi.gov.uk, by 29 July 2005.

Sincerely,

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