

L.N. 418 of 2002

THE METROLOGY ACT
ACT NO. XXV OF 2002

**The Ranges of Nominal Quantities and Capacities Permitted for
Certain Prepackaged Products Regulations, 2002.**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 19 of the Metrology Act, the Malta Standards Authority has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Ranges of Nominal Quantities and Capacities Permitted for Certain Prepackaged Products Regulations, 2002.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on such date or dates as the Authority may by notice in the Gazette appoint and different dates may be so appointed for different purposes and different provisions of the regulations.

2. For the purposes of this Legal Notice, all the definitions in the Malta Standards Authority Act shall apply, and in addition, unless the context otherwise requires: Definitions.
Cap. 419.

“prepackage” shall mean the combination of a product and the individual package in which it is prepacked;

“prepacked product” shall refer to a product which is prepacked when it is placed in a package of whatever nature without the purchaser being present and the quantity of product contained in the package has a predetermined value and cannot be altered without the package either being opened or undergoing a perceptible modification.

3. (1) These regulations shall apply to products put up in prepackages in accordance with regulations 4 and 5 the Making-Up by Weight or by Volume of Certain Prepackaged Products Regulations, 2002 and which are mentioned in the Annexes hereto; it shall not apply to prepackaged products intended solely for professional use. Applicability.

(2) By way of derogation from paragraph 1, these regulations shall also apply to the knitting yarns referred to in point II of Annex I, presented in a different form of packaging.

Nature of products. 4. The products referred to in regulation 3 shall be divided into three groups:

(a) products sold by weight or by volume save those products referred to in (b) and (c).

Annex I lays down for each of these products the range of nominal quantities of the contents of the prepackages;

(b) products sold by weight or by volume and put up in the rigid containers listed in Annex II, save for those products listed in Annex I

Annex II lays down for such products the range of capacities for such containers;

(c) products put up in aerosol form.

Annex III lays down the volumes of the liquid phase for such products and, in the case of metal containers, the capacity of the container.

Prepackages. 5. (1) Prepackages shall in all cases indicate the nominal weight or volume of the contents of the product in accordance with the requirements of Making-Up by Weight or by Volume of Certain Prepackaged Products Regulations, 2002

(2) In the cases referred to in regulation 2 (b) and (c), the containers shall also indicate, in such a way as not to lead to any confusion with the above indication, their nominal capacity, in accordance with the provisions of Annex II and point 1 of Annex III, or where applicable, a reference to the EN standards mentioned in the Annexes.

Multipacks. 6. (1) Where a multipack is made up of two or more individual prepackages, the ranges of values listed in Annexes I, II and III shall apply to the individual prepackages.

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7. The placing on the market of prepackages which satisfy the requirements of these regulations, shall not be refused, prohibited or restricted on the grounds of their nominal quantity in the case of prepackages listed in Annex I and point 2 of Annex III, or of the nominal capacity of their containers in the case of prepackages listed in Annex II, or for either of these two reasons in the case of products listed in point I of Annex II.

Placing on the
market.

ANNEX I

RANGE OF NOMINAL QUANTITIES OF CONTENTS OF PREPACKAGES

1. FOOD PRODUCTS SOLD BY WEIGHT (quantity in g)
 - 1.1. **Butter** (CCT heading No 04.03), **margarine, emulsified or non-animal and vegetable fats (low fat spreads)**
125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 5 000
 - 1.2. **Fresh cheeses except 'petits suisses' and other cheeses put up in the same way** (CCT subheading ex 04.04 E I c)
62.5 — 125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 2 000 — 5 000
 - 1.3. **Table and cooking salt** (CCT subheading 25.01 A)
125 — 250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 5 000
 - 1.4. **Impalpable sugars, red or brown sugars, candy sugars**
125 — 250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 3 000 — 4 000 — 5 000
 - 1.5. **Cereal products** (excluding foods for infants)
 - 1.5.1. *Cereal flours, groats, flakes and oatmeal and meal, oatflakes* (excluding the products referred to in 1.5.4)
125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 2 500¹ — 5 000 — 10 000

¹ Not valid for oatmeal and oatflakes

1.5.2. *Pasta products* (CCT heading No 19.03)

125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 3 000 — 4 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

1.5.3. *Rice* (CCT heading No 10.06)

125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 5 000

1.5.4. *Prepared foods obtained similar the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products* (puffed rice, corn flakes and similar products) (Common Customs Tariff heading No 19.05)

250 — 375 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000

1.6. **Dried vegetables** (CCT heading No 07.05)², **dried fruits** (CCT heading Nos or subheadings ex 08.01, 08.03 B, 08.04 B, 08.12)

125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 5 000 — 7 500 — 10 000

1.7. **Ground or unground roasted coffee, chicory and coffee substitutes**

125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 2 000 — 3 000 — 4 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

1.8. **Frozen products**1.8.1. *Fruit and vegetables* and pre-cooked potatoes for chips

150 — 300 — 450 — 600 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 2 500

1.8.2. *Fish fillets and portions, breaded or not breaded*

100 — 200 — 300 — 400 — 500 — 600 — 800 — 1 000 — 2 000

1.8.3. *Fish fingers*

150 — 300 — 450 — 600 — 900 — 1 200 — 1 500 — 1 800

2. **FOODSTUFFS SOLD BY VOLUME (quantity in ml)**2.1. **Ice-cream in quantities of more than 250 ml**

(excluding any ice-cream whose volume is not determined by the shape of the container)

² Excluding potatoes and dehydrated vegetables

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300 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 3 000 — 4 000 — 5 000

3. DRY FOODS FOR DOGS AND CATS ³ (quantity in g)

200 — 300 — 400 — 500 — 600 — 800 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 000 — 3 000 —
5000 — 7 500 — 10 000

4. READY-TO-USE PAINTS AND VARNISHES (with or without added solvents;
Common Customs Tariff subheading 32.09 A II excluding dispersed pigments and
solutions) (quantity in ml)

25 — 50 — 125 — 250 — 375 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 4 000
— 5 000 — 10 000

5. SOLID OR POWDERED GLUES AND ADHESIVES (quantity in g)

25 — 50 — 125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 2 500 — 5 000 — 8 000 — 10 000

6. CLEANING PRODUCTS
(solids and powder in g, liquids and pastes in ml)

inter alia products for leather and footwear, wood and floor coverings, ovens and
metals including for cars, windows and mirrors including for cars (CCT heading No
34. 05); stain removers, starches and dyes for household use (CCT subheadings 38.
12 A and 32. 09 C), household insecticides (CCT heading No ex 38. 11), descalers
(CCT heading No 34. 02), household deodorizers (CCT subheading 33. 06 B), non-
pharmaceutical disinfectants

25 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 375 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 —
1500 — 2 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

7. COSMETICS: BEAUTY AND TOILET PREPARATIONS (CCT subheadings
33.06 A and B) (solids and powders in g, liquids and pastes in ml)

7.1. **Products for skin and oral hygiene**

shaving creams, all-purpose creams and lotions, hand creams and lotions, sun
products, oral-hygiene products (excluding toothpaste)

³ Products with a moisture content of less than 14%

15 — 30 — 40 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 125 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300 — 400 —
500 — 1 000

7.2. **Toothpaste**

25 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 125 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300

7.3. **Hair-care products (except dyes) and bath products**

lacquer, shampoos, rinsing products, strengtheners, brilliantines, hair cream (excluding the hair lotions referred to in 7.4), 'bubble baths' and other foaming products for bath and shower

25 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 125 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300 — 400 — 500 — 750
— 1 000 — 2 000

7.4. **Alcohol-based products**

containing less than 3 % by volume of natural or synthetic perfume oil and less than 70 % by volume of pure ethyl alcohol: aromatic waters, hair lotions, pre-shave and after-shave lotions

15 — 25 — 30 — 40 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 125 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300 —
400 — 500 — 750 — 1 000

7.5. **Deodorants and personal-hygiene products**

20 — 25 — 30 — 40 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 150 — 200

7.6. **Talcum powders**

50 — 75 — 100 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 500 — 1 000

8. **WASHING PRODUCTS**

8.1. **Solid toilet and household soaps (g) (CCT heading No 34.01)**

25 — 50 — 75 — 100 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300 — 400 — 500 — 1 000

8.2. **Soft soaps (g)** (CCT heading No 34.01)

125 — 250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

8.3. **Soap in flakes, chips, etc. (g)** (CCT heading No 34.01)

250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 3 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

8.4. **Liquid washing, cleaning and scouring products and auxiliary products** (CCT heading No 34.02) **and hypochlorite preparations** (excluding the products referred to in point 6) (quantity in ml)

125 — 250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 1 250⁴ — 1 500 — 2 000 — 3 000 — 4 000
— 5 000 — 6 000 — 7 000 — 10 000

8.5. **Scouring powder (g)**

250 — 500 — 750 — 1 000 — 10 000

8.6. **Pre-wash and soaking products in powder form (g)**

250 — 500 — 1000 — 2000 — 5000 — 10 000

9. **SOLVENTS (ml)**

within the meaning of the Dangerous Substances and Preparations Regulations, 2002 (LN 221 of 2002)

25 — 50 — 75 — 125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 1 500 — 2 500 — 5 000 — 10 000

10. **LUBRICATING OILS (ml)**

125 — 250 — 500 — 1 000 — 2 000 — 2 500 — 3 000 — 4 000 — 5 000 — 10 000

⁴ For hypochlorites only

11. KNITTING YARNS (quantity in g) consisting of natural fibres (animal, vegetable and mineral), chemical fibres and mixtures thereof.

10 — 25 — 50 — 100 — 150 — 200 — 250 — 300 — 350 — 400 — 450 — 500
— 1 000

This value is the anhydrous mass of the yarn to which the conventional humidity allowance laid down by the Textile Names Order, 2000 (LN 185 of 2000) is applied.

ANNEX II

RANGE OF PERMISSIBLE CONTAINER CAPACITIES

Standards EN 231, edition 2 (May 1978) and EN 76, edition 1 (December 1978) shall apply except where the products and capacity ranges laid down therein differ from those listed in this Annex.

1. PRESERVES AND SEMI-PRESERVES IN TINS AND GLASS CONTAINERS : VEGETABLE PRODUCTS (FRUIT, VEGETABLES, TOMATOES, POTATOES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASPARAGUS, SOUPS, FRUIT OR VEGETABLE JUICES AND FRUIT NECTARS) FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

1.1. **Tins and glass containers** (capacity in ml)

106 - 156 - 212 - 228 - 314 - 370 - 425 - 446 - 580 - 720 - 850 - 1 062 - 1 700 - 2 650
- 3 100 - 4 250 - 10 200

1.1.1. *Additional list for tumblers:*

53 - 125 - 250

1.2. **List of capacities permitted for special products:** (capacity in ml)

- Truffles: 26 - 53 - 71 - 106 - 212 - 425 - 720 - 850

- Tomatoes:

concentrates:

71 - 142 - 212 - 370 - 425 - 720 - 850 - 3 100 - 4 250

peeled or unpeeled:

236 - 370 - 425 - 720 - 850 - 2 650 - 3 100

- Fruit cocktails, fruit in syrup: 106 - 156 - 212 - 228 - 236 - 314 - 370 - 425 -
446 - 580 - 720 - 850 - 1 062 - 1 700 - 2 650 - 3 100 - 4 250 - 10 200

2. **MOIST PET FOOD FOR CATS AND DOGS** (capacity in ml)

212 - 228 - 314 - 425 - 446 - 850 - 1 062 - 1 700 - 2 650

3 WASHING AND CLEANING PRODUCTS IN POWDER FORM

The capacities of prepackages shall be as follows:

Packet No	Volume in ml
E 0.5	375
F 1	750
E 2	1 500
E 3	2 250
E 5	3 750
E 10	7 700
E 15	11 450
E 20	15 200
E 25	18 950
E 30	22 700
Drum No	
E 5	3 950
E 10	7 700
E 15	11 450
E 20	15 200
E 25	18 950
E 30	22 700

ANNEX III

RANGE OF VOLUMES FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IN AEROSOLS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRODUCTS EXCLUDED IN POINT 7.4 OF ANNEX I AND MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

By way of derogation from regulation 8 (1) (c) of the Aerosol Dispensers Regulations, 2002 (LN 145 of 2002).

1. PRODUCTS SOLD IN METAL CONTAINERS

Volume of the liquid phase in ml	Container capacities in ml for:	
	Products propelled by liquid gas	(a) Products propelled by compressed gases alone (b) Products propelled by nitrous oxide or carbon dioxide alone or by mixtures of the two alone when the product has a Bunsen coefficient of 1.2 or less
25	40	47
50	75	89
75	110	140
100	140	175
125	175	210
150	210	270
200	270	335
250	335	405
300	405	520
400	520	650
500	650	800
600	800	1 000
750	1 000	-

2. PRODUCTS SOLD IN TRANSPARENT OR NON-TRANSPARENT GLASS OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS (volume of the liquid phase in ml):

25 - 50 - 75 - 100 - 125 - 150