

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

CHAPTER NO. 241.

Marking of Weight on Heavy Packages.

GENERAL ANNOTATION.

ADMINISTRATION

As at 13 February 1976 (the date of gazettal of the most comprehensive allocation of responsibilities to Ministers and Departments at about the effective date), while the administration of this Chapter was not specifically vested in any Minister, it seems from the determination of functions of Departments that it came within the responsibility of the Minister for Labour, Commerce and Industry.

There are no references in this Chapter to the expressions "the Minister", "the Departmental Head" or "the Department".

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Weight to be shown on certain packages.

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Being an Act relating to the marking of weight on heavy packages transported by vessels.

1. **Weight to be shown on certain packages.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a consignor who consigns within the country, for transport by sea or inland waterway, a package or article of cargo of a gross weight of 1 000kg or over must mark prominently—

- (a) on the package or article; or
- (b) on a label securely attached to it,

in legible and durable characters of not less than 25mm in height, a statement of its approximate gross weight set out in tonnes or kilograms.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K200.00.

(2) In the case of a package or article of cargo that by reason of—

- (a) its nature; or
- (b) the place of shipment; or
- (c) the absence of machinery for weighing articles of its weight or size,

it is not practicable to weigh, but that is of a weight of over 1 000kg, the consignor must mark the gross weight approximately, within a limit of 1t, as "Over 1 but under 2t" or as the case may be.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K200.00.

(3) The master of a ship must not allow to be loaded on board the ship any package or article of cargo of a weight of 1 000kg or over that has not been prominently, legibly and durably marked in accordance with this Act.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K100.00.

(4) The master of a ship must arrange for some competent person to give to the workers actually employed in unloading from the ship any package or article of cargo that—

- (a) has been loaded outside the country; and
- (b) is not marked in the manner that would apply if the package or article were consigned within the country for transport by sea or inland waterway,

verbal advice as to the approximate weight of each such package or article about to be unloaded.

Penalty: A fine not exceeding K100.00.

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APPENDIX.

SOURCE OF THE MARKING OF WEIGHTS ON HEAVY PACKAGES ACT.

Part A.—Previous Legislation.

Marking of Weight on Heavy Packages Act 1951 (No. 37 of 1951)

as amended by—

Statute Law Revision (Metric Conversion) Act 1974 (No. 49 of 1974).

Part B.—Cross References.

Section, etc., in Revised Edition.	Previous Reference ¹ .
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¹ Unless otherwise indicated, references are to the Act set out in Part A.