



METRIC CONVERSION.

No. 75 of 1973.

ANALYSIS.

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Conversion to metric units.

AN ACT to facilitate the use of a metric system of measurement by amending certain references to physical quantities in certain Acts.

[19 December 1973.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Metric Conversion Act* Short title and commencement. 1973.

(2) The amendment made to any enactment by this Act shall take effect on such day as may be fixed by order of the Minister in relation thereto.

(3) In relation to the amendments made to any Act references in this section to the Minister shall be construed as references to the Minister within the meaning of the *Ministers of the Crown Act* 1923 or, where no reference is made in that Act to a Minister, the Attorney-General.

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metric units

2—(1) Each enactment specified in the first column of the first schedule is amended by omitting therefrom the words set out against that enactment in the second column thereof, wherever they occur, and substituting therefor, in each case, the words so set out in the third column thereof.

(2) The Acts specified in the second schedule are amended in the manner set forth therein.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 2 (1).)

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Administration and Probate Act</i> 1935— Form II of the fourth schedule	<i>chains, links, or feet</i>	<i>metres</i>
<i>Boundary Fences Act</i> 1908— Section 16 Section 21 (1) Section 48 (1) (a) Section 48 (1) (b)	six feet five feet twenty-eight feet two feet six inches one rod	2 metres 2 metres 9 metres one metre 5 metres
<i>Companies Act</i> 1962— Section 84 (3) (a) Section 160 (1) (b)	three miles three miles	5 kilometres 5 kilometres
<i>Conveyancing and Law of Property Act</i> 1884— The definition of “rent” in section 2 Section 75CA (1) (b) (i) Section 75CA (1) (b) (ii)	acre ton eight feet fourteen feet	hectare tonne 2·4 metres 4·25 metres
<i>Co-operative Industrial Societies Act</i> 1928— Section 14 (3) (b)	three miles	5 kilometres
<i>Dairy Produce Act</i> 1932— Section 9 (2) Section 30 (1) (b)	pounds five pounds in weight	kilograms 2·25 kilograms
<i>Dairy Products Marketing Act</i> 1957— The definition of “manu- facturer” in section 2 Section 3 (3) (b) Section 3 (3) (c) Section 10 (2)	forty pounds fifty-two tons tons forty pounds by weight	20 kilograms 53 tonnes tonnes 20 kilograms
<i>Electoral Act</i> 1907— Section 78 (1) (a) Section 122A (4) Section 157 (1)	five miles five miles one hundred yards	8 kilometres 8 kilometres 100 metres
<i>Explosives Act</i> 1916— The definition of “manu- facture” in section 3	five pounds	100 grams

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
Section 8 (6) (a) (ii)	one dollar for every pound	two dollars twenty cents for every kilogram
<i>Firearms Act 1932—</i> The definition of "pistol" in section 2	sixteen inches	410 millimetres
<i>Florentine Valley Paper Industry Act 1935—</i>		
Section 5 (1) (c)	tons	tonnes
Section 10 (2) (a)	ninety cents per cord	28·35 cents per tonne for old growth timber and 35·43 cents per tonne for regrowth timber
Section 11 (1)	two and a half cents per cord	0·8 cents per tonne for old growth timber and one cent per tonne for regrowth timber
Section 15 (1)	ten million superficial feet by Tasmanian log measurement	30 100 cubic metres
Clause (8) of the eighth schedule	ten million superficial feet	30 100 cubic metres
<i>Forestry Act 1954—</i>		
The definition of "milling timber" in section 2 (1)	sixteen inches	40 centimetres
Section 3 (1) (a) (iii)	four feet three inches	1·3 metres
	five million superficial feet (computed by Hoppus log measure)	15 000 cubic metres
Section 3 (1) (b)	thirty million superficial feet (computed by Hoppus log measure)	90 100 cubic metres
Section 3 (1A)	thirty thousand cords	78 000 tonnes
Section 3 (1B)	fifty-five thousand cords	143 000 tonnes
Section 3 (1E)	fifty-five thousand cords	143 000 tonnes
Clause 9 of the second schedule	30,000 cords	78 000 tonnes
<i>Friendly Societies Act 1888—</i>		
Section 5A (4)	seven miles	11 kilometres
<i>Fruit Board Act 1934—</i>		
Section 14C (1)	four hundred bushels	10 tonnes
Section 14E (2)	four hundred bushels	10 tonnes
Section 14E (4)	bushels	tonnes
Section 14E (4) (a)	bushels	tonnes

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
The second schedule	400 bushels 4,000 bushels 10,000 bushels 20,000 bushels 40,000 bushels	10 tonnes 100 tonnes 250 tonnes 500 tonnes 1 000 tonnes
<i>Goods (Trade Descriptions) Act</i> 1971—		
Section 8 (2)	weight	mass
Section 8 (3)	weight	mass
Section 8 (4) (a)	weight	mass
Section 8 (4) (b)	weight	mass
Section 8 (6)	weight	mass
Section 8 (7)	weight	mass
<i>Highways Act</i> 1951—		
Section 9 (1)	eight feet	2·5 metres
The schedule	feet	metres
<i>Hobart Corporation Act</i> 1963—		
Section 151 (1)	twenty feet	6 metres
Section 152	twenty feet	6 metres
Section 174 (1)	one hundred feet	30·5 metres
Section 175 (1)	one hundred feet	30·5 metres
Section 179 (2)	one hundred feet	30·5 metres
Section 191 (1) (b) (i)	three hundred feet	91·5 metres
Form 9 of the third schedule	seven miles	11 kilometres
<i>Huon Valley Pulp and Paper Industry Act</i> 1959—		
Section 4 (2) (a)	eight hundred and fifty thousand gallons	3 900 cubic metres
Section 4 (2) (b) (i)	four hundred and fifty thousand gallons	2 100 cubic metres
Section 4 (2) (b) (ii)	fifty thousand gallons	210 cubic metres
Section 15 (8)	tons	tonnes
Clause 1 (a) of the second schedule	3000 pounds weight	1 360 kilograms
<i>Inspection of Machinery Act</i> 1960—		
Section 4 (1) (b)	ton	tonne
Section 4 (2) (a) (ii)	two hundred and ten degrees Fahrenheit	99 degrees Celsius
Section 11 (1) (a)	brake horsepower	kilowatts
Section 11 (1) (b)	brake horsepower	power rating

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
Section 25E (1)	one hundred and fifty square feet	20 square metres
Section 26	eighteen inches	600 millimetres
Section 29 (4) (a)	one hundred and fifty square feet	20 square metres
Section 29A (1)	fifty tons	100 tonnes
Item 3 of Part I of the second schedule	20 square feet 50 square feet 150 square feet 250 square feet 500 square feet 800 square feet 2,000 square feet 5,000 square feet	2 square metres 5 square metres 15 square metres 25 square metres 50 square metres 75 square metres 200 square metres 500 square metres
Item 1 of Part II of the second schedule	2 cubic feet 20 cubic feet 50 cubic feet 100 cubic feet 200 cubic feet 500 cubic feet	60 litres 600 litres 1.5 kilolitres 3 kilolitres 6 kilolitres 15 kilolitres
Part III of the second schedule	3 feet 5 feet	one metre 1.5 metres
Part IV of the second schedule	2 cubic feet	60 litres
Item 2 of Part V of the second schedule	10 cubic feet 100 cubic feet	300 litres 3 kilolitres
Item 3 of Part V of the second schedule	200 square feet 600 square feet	20 square metres 60 square metres
Item 4 of Part V of the second schedule	20 cubic feet 100 cubic feet	600 litres 3 kilolitres
Item 5 of Part V of the second schedule	3 feet	one metre
Item 1 of the third schedule	twenty square feet	2 square metres
Item 5 of the third schedule	one hundred and twenty square inches	780 square centimetres
Item 6 of the third schedule	ten tons	20 tonnes
Item 7 of the third schedule	fifty tons	100 tonnes
<i>Irrigation Clauses Act 1973—</i>		
Section 48 (2)	acre-foot	megalitre
Section 63 (1)	yards	metres
Section 65	eight feet	2.5 metres
Section 69 (2)	five cents for every gallon	one cent for every litre

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Justices Act 1959—</i>		
Section 92	thirty miles	50 kilometres
Section 92 (c)	thirty miles	50 kilometres
<i>Land and Income Taxation Act 1910—</i>		
Section 10 (2) (b) (i)	five acres	2 hectares
Section 10 (2) (b) (ii)	five acres	2 hectares
Section 107 (4) (b) (ii)	one hundred tons	100 tonnes
<i>Land Valuation Act 1971—</i>		
Section 12 (8) (a)	twenty-five acres	10 hectares
Section 12 (8) (b)	two acres	one hectare
<i>Lands Clauses Act 1857—</i>		
Section 58 (1)	half a statute acre	2 000 square metres
Section 59 (1)	half a statute acre	2 000 square metres
<i>Lands Resumption Act 1957—</i>		
Section 26 (a)	two hundred yards	200 metres
Section 26 (c)	two hundred yards	200 metres
<i>Launceston Corporation Act 1963—</i>		
Section 95	one hundred feet	30·5 metres
Section 96	fifty feet	15 metres
Section 146	twenty-five feet	7·5 metres
Section 154 (1)	twenty feet	6 metres
Section 155	twenty feet	6 metres
Section 159 (8)	twenty feet	6 metres
Section 172 (1)	fifty feet	15 metres
Section 183 (1) (c)	one hundred feet	30·5 metres
Section 229 (1)	twenty feet	6 metres
<i>Law of Animals Act 1962—</i>		
Section 4	half a mile	a kilometre
Section 6 (1) (a)	five miles	8 kilometres
Section 6 (1) (b)	five miles	8 kilometres
<i>Licensing Act 1932—</i>		
Section 3 (2) (a) (i)	seven miles	11 kilometres
Section 3 (2) (a) (ii)	seven miles	11 kilometres
Section 3 (2) (b)	seven miles	11 kilometres
Section 22 (1) (a)	two gallons	9 litres
Section 22 (1) (b)	one hundred gallons	450 litres
Section 22 (1) (c)	two gallons	9 litres
Section 22 (2)	two gallons	9 litres

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Local Courts Act 1896—</i>		
Section 12 (3)	ten miles	16 kilometres
Rule 25 of the fifth schedule	five miles	8 kilometres
Rule 38 of the fifth schedule	a mile	2 kilometres
<i>Marketing of Primary Products Act 1945—</i>		
Section 2 (3)	five acres	2 hectares
Section 2 (4) (a)	one acre	0·5 hectares
Section 2 (4) (b)	two hundred and fifty pounds weight	115 kilograms
Section 2 (6)	one-half of one acre	2 000 square metres
<i>Metropolitan Transport Act 1954—</i>		
The definition of "Hobart metropolitan area" in section 2 (1)	seven miles	12 kilometres
The definition of "Hobart northern extension" in section 2 (1)	seven miles one mile	12 kilometres 2 kilometres
The definition of "Launceston metropolitan area" in section 2 (1)	seven miles	12 kilometres
Section 45 (1)	twenty-eight pounds in weight	13 kilograms
<i>Metropolitan Water Act 1961—</i>		
Section 18 (1)	fifty million gallons	225 megalitres
<i>Mining Act 1929—</i>		
The definition of "mark out" in section 2 (1)	six inches	15 centimetres
Section 5 (2)	fifty feet	15 metres
Section 15A (1)	twenty-five square miles	100 square kilometres
Section 15A (3)	one dollar for each square mile	forty cents for each square kilometre
Section 15B (6) (a)	twenty-five square miles one dollar a square mile	100 square kilometres forty cents a square kilometre
Section 15B (6) (b)	for every other square mile or part thereof of land so comprised, ten cents	for every other square kilometre or part thereof of land so comprised, four cents
Section 25 (2A) (a)	eighty acres	100 hectares
Section 25 (2A) (b)	six hundred and forty acres	200 hectares
Section 25 (2A) (c)	three hundred and twenty acres	100 hectares

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
Section 29 (1)	one dollar, and, in all other cases, fifty cents, for every acre	two dollars and fifty cents and, in all other cases, one dollar and twenty-five cents, for every hectare
Section 30	fifty thousand gallons	200 kilolitres
Section 46 (1) (d) (i)	ten acres, or part of ten acres	4 hectares, or part of 4 hectares
Section 46 (1) (d) (ii)	eighty acres, or part of eighty acres	32 hectares, or part of 32 hectares
Section 46 (1) (g)	fifty feet	15 metres
Section 46 (1) (g)	one hundred feet	30 metres
Section 46 (1A) (d)	ten units of horsepower	8 kilowatts
Section 47 (13)	acre	hectare
Section 63 (4)	acre	hectare
Section 75 (1) (c)	one hundred yards	100 metres
Section 75 (2)	fifty feet	15 metres
Section 78 (2)	fifty feet	15 metres
<i>Mount Read and Rosebery Mines</i>		
<i>Limited Leases Act 1916—</i>		
Section 6	one dollar per year for every acre or part of an acre	two dollars and fifty cents per year for each hectare or part of a hectare
Section 7	five miles	8 kilometres
Section 14 (2) (a)	two dollars per year for each acre or part of an acre	five dollars per year for each hectare or part of a hectare
The first schedule	one dollar for every acre	two dollars and fifty cents for every hectare
	ten acres, or part of ten acres	four hectares, or part of four hectares
	ten units of the horsepower	eight kilowatts
	four feet six inches	one hundred and fifty centimetres
	eight inches	twenty centimetres
	three feet	a metre
	nine inches	twenty-five centimetres
	one acre	five thousand square metres
	fifty feet	fifteen metres
<i>North Esk Regional Water Act</i>		
1960—		
Section 29 (1) (a)	eighty thousand gallons	360 kilolitres
Section 30 (1)	one million gallons	4.5 megalitres
Section 42	two miles	4 kilometres
<i>Parliament House Act 1962—</i>		
Section 6 (3)	fifteen miles	20 kilometres
Section 6 (4)	five miles	8 kilometres

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Pear Subsidy Act 1968</i> — Section 3 (1)	ton	tonne
<i>Pharmacy Act 1908</i> — Section 39 (1) (a)	two miles	5 kilometres
<i>Poisons Act 1916</i> — Section 6 (1) Section 10 (a) Section 11 (1) Section 19 (2) Part II of the first schedule	five miles three-sixteenths of an inch one ounce one pound two quarts 1 grain to the pound	10 kilometres 5 millimetres 25 grams 450 grams 2 litres 1 part to 7 000 parts
<i>Poisons Act 1971</i> — Section 27 (1) (a) Section 62 (1)	five miles fifteen miles	10 kilometres 25 kilometres
<i>Police Offences Act 1935</i> — Section 13 (5A) Section 13 (8) Section 15 (1) (a) Section 15 (6) Section 15A (1) (fa) Section 15c (4) Section 15E (1) Section 15E (2) (a) (ii) Section 16 Section 18 (1) Section 19AA Section 37 (3) (e) Section 39A (b)	one hundred and fifty feet one hundred feet one mile and a half seven feet one hundred and fifty yards forty feet twenty feet six feet thirty feet one hundred and fifty degrees Fahrenheit two hundred and forty degrees Fahrenheit one hundred yards five miles one cubic foot and a half mile post seven pounds	45 metres 30 metres 2.5 kilometres 2.1 metres 150 metres 12 metres 6 metres 2 metres 10 metres 65 degrees Celsius 115 degrees Celsius 100 metres 8 kilometres 40 litres milestone or kilometre post 3 kilograms
<i>Police Regulation Act 1898</i> — Section 42 (2) (b)	ten miles	16 kilometres
<i>Potato Marketing Board Act 1952</i> — The definition of "grower" in section 2	two acres	one hectare

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Probation of Offenders Act</i> 1973— Section 12 (3)	seven miles	11 kilometres
<i>Public Authorities' Land Acquisition Act</i> 1949— Section 56 (1) (a) Section 56 (4)	one-half of an acre half an acre	2 000 square metres 2 000 square metres
<i>Public Health Act</i> 1962— Section 77 (1)	fifteen miles	25 kilometres
<i>Public Trust Office Act</i> 1930— Section 64	ten miles	20 kilometres
<i>Pulpwood Products Industry (Eastern and Central Tasmania) Act</i> 1968— The definition of "milling timber" in section 2	sixteen inches four feet three inches	40 centimetres 1.3 metres
Section 6 (2) (a)	seven million five hundred thousand tons	7 620 000 tonnes
Section 8 (1) (a)	five hundred thousand tons	510 000 tonnes
Section 8 (2) (a)	two hundred and fifty thousand tons	254 000 tonnes
Section 8 (2) (b)	four hundred thousand tons	406 000 tonnes
Section 8 (2) (c)	two hundred and fifty thousand tons	254 000 tonnes
Section 9 (3) (b)	two hundred thousand tons	203 000 tonnes
Section 26	eight cents for every ton	7.874 cents for every tonne
<i>Racing and Gaming Act</i> 1952— The definition of "city area" in section 3	seven miles	12 kilometres
Section 47 (5)	twenty-five miles	40 kilometres
Section 59 (12)	thirty miles	50 kilometres
Section 66 (6)	fifteen miles	25 kilometres
Section 66 (8)	seven miles	12 kilometres
<i>Registration of Deeds Act</i> 1935— Section 12 (2)	sixteen inches eleven inches two inches	405 millimetres 280 millimetres 50 millimetres
<i>Roads and Jetties Act</i> 1935— Section 3 (2) (c)	mile posts	milestones, kilometre posts
Section 9 (1) (a)	twenty-five dollars per annum for each mile	sixteen dollars per annum for each kilometre
Section 9 (1) (b)	thirty dollars per annum for each mile	nineteen dollars per annum for each kilometre

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
Section 11 (a) (ii)	twenty-four feet	7·4 metres
Section 14 (1)	eighteen feet	5·5 metres
Section 41 (1)	seventy-five feet	23 metres
Section 45 (1)	ten feet	3 metres
Section 47 (1)	ten feet	3 metres
	eight feet	2·5 metres
Section 52	six feet	1·8 metres
<i>Scaffolding Act 1960—</i>		
The definition of "excavation" in section 3	five feet	1·5 metres
The definition of "scaffolding" in section 3	twelve feet	3·5 metres
Section 3 (2) (a)	three feet	one metre
<i>Settled Land Act 1884—</i>		
Section 2 (10) (c)	acre ton	hectare tonne
<i>Sewers and Drains Act 1954—</i>		
Section 4 (3)	twenty chains six square feet and a quarter	400 metres 0·6 square metres
Section 39 (2)	three feet	one metre
Section 50 (4) (a)	one hundred feet	30 metres
Section 51A (2)	one hundred feet	30 metres
Section 54 (3)	one hundred feet	30 metres
<i>Stock Act 1932—</i>		
Section 25 (2A)	three-sixteenths of an inch four inches three inches	5 millimetres 100 millimetres 75 millimetres
<i>Underground Water Act 1966—</i>		
Section 7 (1) (a)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 7 (1) (b)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 8 (1) (a)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 8 (1) (b)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 10 (1)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (1)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (2)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (3)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (4)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (10)	forty feet	12 metres
Section 12 (11)	forty feet	12 metres

Enactment.	Words omitted.	Words substituted.
<i>Water Act 1957—</i>		
Section 29 (2)	fifteen cubic feet a second	0·42 cubic metres per second
Section 93 (1)	one chain	20 metres
Section 97 (1)	two thousand seven hundred and forty gallons	12 cubic metres
Section 115 (b)	eight feet	2·5 metres
Section 115 (c)	500,000 gallons	2 500 cubic metres
<i>Water Act 1973—</i>		
Section 167 (1)	four miles	7 kilometres
<i>Waterworks Clauses Act 1952—</i>		
Section 19 (1)	one hundred feet	30 metres
Section 21 (2)	one hundred feet	30 metres
Section 32 (2A)	twenty chains'	400 metres'
Section 60 (1)	one foot to a mile	1 to 5 280
Section 65 (1)	yards	metres
Section 67	eight feet	2·5 metres
<i>West Tamar Water Act 1960—</i>		
Section 6 (2)	one thousand million gallons one dollar per million gallons	4 500 000 cubic metres two hundred and twenty dollars per million cubic metres

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 2 (2).)

Florentine Valley Paper Industry Act 1935.

(26 Geo. V No. 27.)

Subsection (1) of section three is amended by omitting the definition of "cord".

Forestry Act 1954.

(No. 49 of 1954.)

Subsection (1) of section two is amended by omitting the definition of "cord".

Inspection of Machinery Act 1960.

(No. 68 of 1960.)

Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section eleven is amended by inserting after the word "one" the word "kilowatt".

The second schedule is amended by omitting item 1 of Part I.

Pulpwood Products Industry (Eastern and Central Tasmania) Act 1968.

(No. 71 of 1968.)

Section two is amended by omitting the definition of "ton".

Roads and Jetties Act 1935.

(26 Geo. V No. 82.)

Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section forty-nine is amended by inserting after the word "milestone," the words "kilometre post,".