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FOREWORD

This Sri Lanka Standard was authorized for adoption and publication by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1988-04-19, after the draft was finalized and approved by the Drafting Committee on Net Contents of Prepackaged Goods.

This standard is based on the average quantity concept adopted by the European Economic Community (EEC) and recommended by the International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML). The selection criteria and the methods of testing are in line with those adopted by the Measurement Standards and Services Division of the Department of Internal Trade for Control of prepackages and the Weights and Measures Ordinance. The criteria on which this system based are as follows:

a) The average value of the contents of prepackages in a lot is equal to or exceeds the value indicated on the label.

b) The variation of individual package contents from the value indicated on the label is not unreasonably large.

This standard provides detail guidance for checking the conformity of net contents of prepackaged goods to the requirements specified in average quantity concept by way of sampling. In order to control unavoidable individual package variation the concept of tolerable negative error is introduced. This standard also covers the basic procedures used to determine the net contents of prepackaged goods.

The declaration of mass or volume of the contents of prepackages on the label, which is known as *nominal quantity*, is required by the Weights and Measures Regulations in Sri Lanka. Sometimes it is observed that the contents of prepackages are declared as minimum net contents. In such cases the criteria for conformity to the requirements of this standard are given in Appendix D. However, this practice is not recommended and should be discouraged.

This standard provides useful guidance to the manufactures, Consumer Organizations and controlling bodies such as independent accredited test laboratories, on the procedures for checking on the conformity of net contents