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(a) For the purpose of this section, the term “hardwood pellets” means a processed wood product containing the pieces, remnants, sawdust, or any combination thereof, of hardwood trees or lumber that has been compressed or otherwise formed into relatively uniform shapes for use in stoves or hearths for the purpose of heating homes or structures. Additional ingredients within said pellets may include switchgrass, other types of grass, or other organic materials.

(b) Hardwood pellets offered for sale within this state shall be sold by weight. The unit of measure shall be the pound. All packages of hardwood pellets shall have a net weight declaration and be subject to unit pricing pursuant to sections 21a-73 through 21a-77, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes. “Unit pricing,” for the purpose of this subsection, means having a conspicuous label on or near any packages being sold at retail indicating the price per pound computed to the nearest cent.

(c) The standards set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall apply until such time as a standard is adopted by the National Conference on Weights and Measures and published in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 130, as amended, of the United States Department of Commerce.

(d) Violations of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice pursuant to section 42-115u of the Connecticut General Statutes and pursuant to the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, Chapter 735a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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