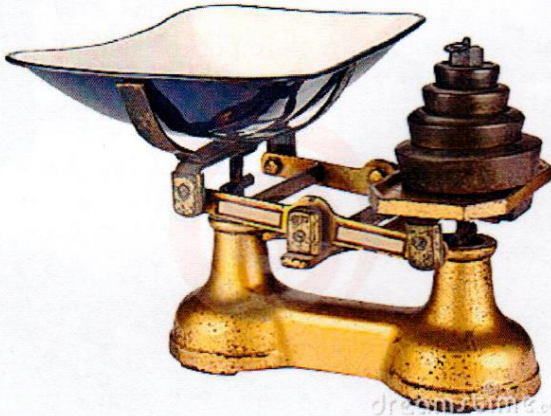


## Can we go back to lbs and oz?



So if the UK is outside the EU can we sell in pounds and ounces? Not according to Ian McVicar of Scotweigh. He says:- "Sorry, no company manufactures any **new** machines any more in lb and oz, the market is too small and the costs to make special orders too large.

"How much extra would butchers want to pay for these machines? Will customers buy more or eat more because they are buying in pounds and ounces? Try putting in 2lb , 3 & 1/4 oz (1kg) into your calculator or computer and see what it makes of it when you are working out a retail price?

"If two hundred years ago, someone had said 'Tell you what, let's make 10oz equal to a lb, and 10lb equal to a stone, and why not 100lb make a hundredweight!' the world would be using pounds and ounces, but we didn't.

"Try explaining 16oz equals a lb, 14 lb equals a stone and 112lb equals a hundred weight to a teenager and watch their faces. If you want to confuse the younger generation any more, this is the way to do it.

"The world has moved on, and so should we."