STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1541

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ADMINISTRATION

The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1968

Made - - - -	*27th September* 1968
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The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by sections 11(3), 14(1) and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 1963(b), as amended (c), shall have effect as if—

(*a*) for Regulation 27 there were substituted the following:—

"27.—(1) The prescribed limits of error on the testing of measuring instruments shall be—

(*a*) in the case of a price computing instrument which indicates the quantity of fuel delivered in imperial units but which is designed to be converted to indicate the quantity in metric units, those set out in column 2 in Table 1 in the Schedule hereto; and

(*b*) in the case of any other instrument those set out in column 3 in the said Table 1:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of an instrument fitted to a tank wagon for use in the measurement of lubricants, the prescribed limit of error in relation to quantities not exceeding 5 gallons shall be five fluid ounces; and

(ii) in relation to the retesting of any instrument fitted with a price computing mechanism which—

(*a*) is, in the opinion of an inspector, only required to be retested as a result of an alteration or adjustment of that mechanism occasioned by a change in price; and

(*b*) has previously been tested and passed as fit for use for trade (but not since the said alteration or adjustment was made),

the prescribed limits of error shall be those set out in Table 2 in the Schedule hereto.

(a) 1963 c. 31.
(b) S.I. 1963/1709 (1963 III, p. 3278).
(c) S.I. 1968/267 (1968 I, p. 804).

(2) The limits of error referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall apply both in respect of any individual delivery of liquid fuel or lubricant or of any mixture thereof and in respect of the total quantity delivered by a complete cycle of operation of the instrument.";

(*b*) in Regulation 31—

(i) there were substituted for paragraph (1) (*b*) the following:—
"(*b*) fails upon testing to fall within the limits of error set out in Table 2 in the Schedule hereto:"; and

(ii) paragraph (3) were omitted; and

(*c*) there were added as the Schedule thereto the Schedule to these Regulations.

2. The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) (Amendment) Regulations 1968(**a**) are hereby revoked.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1968 and shall come into operation on 5th October 1968.

Gwyneth Dunwoody,
Parliamentary Secretary to
the Board of Trade.

27th September 1968.

(**a**) S.I. 1968/267 (1968 I, p. 804).

SCHEDULE

TABLE 1.

(Prescribed limits of error ordinarily applicable upon testing with a view to passing as fit for use for trade.)

Column 1 Quantity delivered	Column 2 Error in excess only	Column 3 Error in excess only
½ pint	⅛ fluid ounce	⅛ fluid ounce
Pint	¼ fluid ounce	¼ fluid ounce
Quart	1 fluid ounce	1 fluid ounce
½ gallon or 1 gallon	1⅛ fluid ounce	1 fluid ounce
Exceeding 1 gallon	at the rate of 1 fluid ounce per gallon	at the rate of 1 fluid ounce per gallon

(The limits in column 2 are those applicable to certain adjustable price computing instruments mentioned in Regulation 27(1)(*a*).)

TABLE 2.

(Prescribed limits of error upon retesting following an adjustment or alteration of a price computing mechanism and limits of error in relation to the obliteration of stamps).

Quantity delivered	Error in excess	Error in deficiency
½ pint	¼ fluid ounce	⅛ fluid ounce
Pint	1 fluid ounce	¼ fluid ounce
Quart, ½ gallon or gallon	2 fluid ounces	½ fluid ounce
Exceeding 1 gallon	at the rate of 2 fluid ounces per gallon	at the rate of ½ fluid ounce per gallon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations).

These Regulations further amend the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 1963.

The only change of substance relates to instruments which measure deliveries in imperial units but which are designed to be converted to measure deliveries in metric units. The permissible margin of error normally applicable in relation to the testing of such instruments with a view to their being passed as fit for trade use is increased, in the case of deliveries of half a gallon or one gallon from one fluid ounce in excess to one and three eighths fluid ounces in excess.