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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Testing and Adjustment Fees

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH FEBRUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 30 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(3) and 30 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 5th February 1971.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) and the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Specification of Fees

2.—(1) The Schedule hereto shall have effect for prescribing the fee to be paid in respect of the testing of any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which section 5 of the Act applies with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and stamped.

(2) The appropriate fee shall be payable whether or not the equipment is passed as fit for use for trade and stamped.

3. The fee to be paid for the adjustment of any weight or measure in the course of a service provided pursuant to section 30 of the Act shall be twice the amount prescribed as the fee for testing it.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 5th day of February 1971.

(L.S.)

K. Darwin,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1967. c. 6 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 218.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 32.

SCHEDULE

In this Schedule, the symbols and abbreviations employed to refer to units of measurement refer to such units as follows:—

Imperial	Metric
ft—foot	m—metre
in—inch	m^3—cubic metre
cu.yd—cubic yard	kg—kilogramme
lb—pound	l—litre
oz—ounce	
gal—gallon	
qt—quart	
pt—pint	
fl.oz—fluid ounce	

	If tested on or before 14th February 1971 £ s d	If tested after that date £
A. Linear Measures (with or without divisions or sub-divisions), each measure—		
(1) With imperial and metric scales, both being tested—		
The scales exceeding 10 ft and 3m respectively	1 0 0	1·00
One scale exceeding 10 ft. and the other not exceeding 3m (or vice versa)	13 6	0·67
Other	7 0	0·35
(2) With imperial or metric scale or when only one scale is tested—		
Exceeding 10 ft (if imperial) or 3m (if metric)	10 0	0·50
Other	3 6	0·17
B. Capacity Measures—		
(1) Without divisions or sub-divisions—		
Of glass or earthenware not exceeding 1 pt (if imperial) or 1 l (if metric), submitted in quantities of one gross or more at any one time, per dozen	3 0	0·15
Otherwise, each measure—		
Not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 l (if metric)	1 0	0·05
Exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial)— exceeding 1 l but not exceeding 5 l (if metric)	2 0	0·10
Imperial, exceeding 1 gal— for the first gallon of the capacity	2 0	0·10
for each additional gallon thereof	1 0	0·05
Metric, exceeding 5 l— for the first 5 l of the capacity	2 0	0·10
for each additional 5 l thereof	1 0	0·05

	If tested on or before 14th February 1971 £ s d	If tested after that date £
(2) With divisions or sub-divisions, each measure—		
Not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 l (if metric)—		
With four graduations or less	1 4	0·07
With five graduations or more—		
for each three graduations	1 0	0·05
for any single graduations in excess of the number divisible by three	4	0·02
for any two such graduations	8	0·03
Exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): exceeding 1 l but not exceeding 5 l (if metric), each graduation	8	0·03
Exceeding 1 gal (if imperial) or 5 l (if metric), each graduation	1 4	0·07
(3) Oran Measure—		
Quarter-oran measure	5	0·02
C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure—		
(1) Brim measures, whether or not certificated	1 8 0	1·40
(2) Measures, other than brim measures, with imperial and metric calibrations, when both are tested—		
Imperial capacity exceeding 12 cu. yd and metric exceeding $8m^3$	6 0 0	6·00
Imperial capacity measuring 12 cu. yd but metric not exceeding $8m^3$ (or vice versa)	5 5 0	5·25
Other	4 10 0	4·50
(3) Measures, other than brim measures, when tested only as metric or only as imperial measures (whether or not calibrated in both systems)—		
Exceeding 12 cu. yd or $8m^3$	4 0 0	4·00
Other	3 0 0	3·00
D. Measuring instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument—		
(1) Container types, unsubdivided	1 11 6	1·57
(2) Blending types (with price computer mechanism),—		
for first retesting after adaptation to compute prices in decimal currency	4 0 0	4·00
for retesting solely on the occasion of an alteration in the setting of the price computer mechanism (other than on the occasion mentioned above)	1 11 6	1·57
otherwise	5 5 0	5·25

	If tested on or before 14th February 1971 £ s. d	If tested after that date £
(3) Other types (single),—		
(with price computer mechanism) for first retesting after adaptation to compute prices in decimal currency	2 0 0	2·00
otherwise	3 3 0	3·15
E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument—		
Not exceeding 2 fl. oz	2 6	0·13
Other	8 0	0·40
F. Weights		
(1) Imperial weights exceeding 10 lb, troy weights exceeding 10 oz, troy metric weights exceeding 5 kg, each weight	2 0	0·10
(2) Other weights, each	1 0	0·05
G. Weighing Instruments		
(1) Instruments calibrated to weigh in both imperial and metric units 125 per cent. of the fee which would be payable if the instrument were calibrated to weigh only in the imperial system or only in the metric system or, where those fees differ, 125 per cent. of the higher, rounded, where appropriate, to the nearest penny.		
(2) Instruments calibrated to weigh only in imperial or metric units		
(*a*) Automatic weighing machines, including machines for totalising a succession of predetermined loads, each machine or (where the machine has two or more weighing units which each complete the weighing of the load independently), each weighing unit—		
Capacity, as marked on the machine—		
Not exceeding 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric)	1 15 0	1·75
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 1 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 50 kg (if metric)	2 10 0	2·50
Exceeding 1 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 50 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	4 4 0	4·20
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 10 tons (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes (if metric)	7 0 0	7·00
Exceeding 10 tons (if imperial) or 10 tonnes (if metric)	8 15 0	8·75

	If tested on or before 14th February 1971 £ s d	If tested after that date £
(*b*) Totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine	14 0 0	14·00
(*c*) Egg grading machines, each machine—		
Not exceeding 6 units	1 17 6	1·87
Other	6 6 0	6·30
(*d*) All other weighing instruments, each instrument or (if fitted with two or more weigh tables or platforms connected to one or more indicating mechanisms), each weigh table or platform—		
Capacity, as marked on the machine—		
Not exceeding 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric)	7 0	0·35
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 2 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg (if metric)	11 0	0·55
Exceeding 2 cwt but not exceeding 5 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 250 kg (if metric)	15 0	0·75
Exceeding 5 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 250 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	1 8 0	1·40
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 5 tons (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 5 tonnes (if metric)	3 3 0	3·15
Exceeding 5 tons but not exceeding 30 tons (if imperial): exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes (if metric)	14 0 0	14·00
Exceeding 30 tons (if imperial) or 30 tonnes (if metric)	17 10 0	17·50

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid for the testing of weighing and measuring equipment with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and stamped. The fees are payable whether or not the equipment is passed.

They also prescribe the fees to be paid for the adjustment of weights or measures.

The Regulations replace the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland)) 1967 as amended.

The main changes are that fees are prescribed for testing metric ballast measures and that fees are expressed in decimal currency in relation to tests conducted on or after 15th February 1971.