STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 1359

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1979

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Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1980

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 11(3), 43 and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1976(**c**) are hereby revoked.

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 11 of the Act applies with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary 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 43 of the Act shall be twice the amount prescribed as the fee for testing it.

Sally Oppenheim,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

24th October 1979.

(**a**) 1963 c. 31; sections 11(3) and 58 were amended by 1979 c. 45; the amendments are not relevant to these Regulations.

(**b**) S.I. 1970/1537.

(**c**) S.I. 1976/1807, as amended by S.I. 1978/484.

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
lb—pound	kg—kilogramme
oz—ounce	l—litre
gal—gallon	
qt—quart	
pt—pint	
fl oz—fluid ounce	

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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 3 m respectively	4·00
One scale exceeding 10 ft and the other not exceeding 3m (or vice versa)	2·60
Other	1·35
(2) With imperial or metric scale or when only one scale is tested—	
Exceeding 10 ft (if imperial) or 3m (if metric)	2·00
Other	0·65
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	0·55
Otherwise, each measure—	
Not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 l (if metric) ...	0·18
Exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): exceeding 1 l but not exceeding 5 l (if metric)	0·40
Imperial, exceeding 1 gal—	
for the first gallon of the capacity	0·40
for each additional gallon thereof	0·18
Metric, exceeding 5 l—	
for the first 5 l of the capacity	0·40
for each additional 5 l thereof	0·18
(2) With divisions or sub-divisions, each measure—	
Not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 l (if metric)—	
With four graduations or less	0·25
For each additional graduation	0·07
Exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): exceeding 1 l but not exceeding 5 l (if metric), each graduation	0·10
Exceeding 1 gal (if imperial) or 5 l (if metric), each graduation	0·25
C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure—	
(1) Brim measures, whether or not certificated	5·45
(2) Measures, other than brim measures—	
Exceeding $8m^3$	15·60
Other	11·70

SCHEDULE—*continued*

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D. Measuring instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument—	
(1) Container types, unsubdivided	6·10
(2) Multi-grade types (with a price-computing device and displays common to all grades)—	
for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device	6·10
otherwise	20·45
(3) Other types (single)—	
(with price-computing device) for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device ...	3·10
otherwise	12·30
E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument—	
Not exceeding 2 fl oz	0·50
Other	1·55
F. Weights—	
(1) Imperial weights exceeding 10 lb, troy weights exceeding 10 oz troy, metric weights exceeding 5 kg, each weight	0·40
(2) Other weights, each	0·18
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)	6·80
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 1 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 50 kg (if metric) ...	9·75
Exceeding 1 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 50 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	16·40
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 10 tons (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes (if metric)	27·30
Exceeding 10 tons (if imperial) or 10 tonnes (if metric)	34·10
(*b*) Totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine	54·60
(*c*) 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—	

SCHEDULE—*continued*

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Capacity, as marked on the machine—	
Not exceeding 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric)	1·35
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 2 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg (if metric)	2·15
Exceeding 2 cwt but not exceeding 5 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 250 kg (if metric)	2·90
Exceeding 5 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 250 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	5·45
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 5 tons (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 5 tonnes (if metric)	12·30
Exceeding 5 tons but not exceeding 30 tons (if imperial): exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes (if metric)	54·60
Exceeding 30 tons (if imperial) or 30 tonnes (if metric)	68·25

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid for the testing of weighing or 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 when a local authority provides an adjusting service.

The Regulations replace the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1976. All the fees are increased.

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