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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *29th June* 1977

Coming into operation . . . *1st August* 1977

The Department(a) of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 5(3) and 30 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it 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 (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1977.

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

2.—(1) The Schedule 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 Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 29th June 1977.

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(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1967 c. 6 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 152

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		

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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 10ft and 3m respectively	3.00
One scale exceeding 10ft and the other not exceeding 3m (or vice versa)	2.00
Other	1.05
(2) With imperial or metric scale or when only one scale is tested—	
Exceeding 10ft (if imperial) or 3m (if metric)	1.50
Other	0.50
B. Capacity Measures—	
(1) Without divisions or sub-divisions—	
Of glass or earthenware not exceeding 1pt (if imperial) or 1l (if metric), submitted in quantities of one gross or more at any one time, per dozen	0.42
Otherwise, each measure—	
Not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1l (if metric)	0.14
Exceeding 1qt but not exceeding 1gal (if imperial): exceeding 1l but not exceeding 5l (if metric)	0.30
Imperial, exceeding 1 gal—	
for the first gallon of the capacity	0.30
for each additional gallon thereof	0.14
Metric, exceeding 5l—	
for the first 5l of the capacity	0.30
for each additional 5l thereof	0.14
(2) With divisions or sub-divisions, each measure—	
Not exceeding 1qt (if imperial) or 1l (if metric)—	
With four graduations or less	0.20
For each additional graduation	0.05
Exceeding 1qt but not exceeding 1gal (if imperial): exceeding 1l but not exceeding 5l (if metric), each graduation	0.08
exceeding 1gal (if imperial) or 5l (if metric), each graduation	0.20
C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure—	
(1) Brim measures, whether or not certificated	4.20
(2) Measures, other than brim measures, with imperial and metric calibrations, when both are tested—	
Imperial capacity exceeding 12cu yd and metric exceeding $8m^3$	18.00

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Imperial capacity exceeding 12cu yd but metric not exceeding 8m³ (or vice versa)	15.75
Other	13.50
(3) Measures, other than brim measures, when tested only as metric or only as imperial measures (whether or not calibrated in both systems)—	
Exceeding 12cu yd or 8m³	12.00
Other	9.00
D. Measuring instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants or mixtures thereof, each instrument—	
(1) Container types, unsubdivided	4.70
(2) Multi-grade types (with a price-computing device and displays common to all grades)—	
for first retesting after adaptation to compute prices in decimal currency	12.00
for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device (other than on the occasion mentioned above)	4.70
otherwise	15.75
(3) Other types (single)—	
(with price-computing device) for first retesting after adaptation to compute prices in decimal currency ..	6.00
(with price-computing device) for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device (other than on the occassion mentioned above) ..	2.40
otherwise	9.45
E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument—	
Not exceeding 2fl oz	0.38
Other	1.20
F. Weights—	
(1) Imperial weights exceeding 10lb, troy weights exceeding 10oz troy, metric weights exceeding 5kg, each weight ..	0.30
(2) Other weights, each	0.14
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 20lb (if imperial) or 10kg (if metric)	5.25

SCHEDULE—*continued*

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Exceeding 20lb but not exceeding 1cwt (if imperial):	
exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 50kg (if metric)	7.50
Exceeding 1 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial):	
exceeding 50kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	12.60
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 10 tons (if imperial):	
exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes (if metric)	21.00
Exceeding 10 tons (if imperial) or 10 tonnes (if metric)	26.25
(*b*) Totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine	42.00
(*c*) Egg grading machines, each machine—	
Not exceeding 6 units	5.60
Other	18.90
(*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 20lb (if imperial) or 10kg (if metric)	1.05
Exceeding 20lb but not exceeding 2 cwt (if imperial):	
exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 100kg (if metric)	1.65
Exceeding 2 cwt but not exceeding 5 cwt (if imperial):	
exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 250kg (if metric)	2.25
Exceeding 5 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial):	
exceeding 250kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric)	4.20
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 5 tons (if imperial):	
exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 5 tonnes (if metric)	9.45
Exceeding 5 tons but not exceeding 30 tons (if imperial):	
exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes (if metric)	42.00
Exceeding 30 tons (if imperial) or 30 tonnes (if metric)	52.50

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) 1976 (S.R. 1976 No. 152). All the fees are increased and the categories of equipment in the Schedule covering instruments for measuring liquid fuel and lubricants have been amended to bring them into line with models now in use.