# 1992 No. 483

# WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

*Made* . . . . . *19th November 1992*

*Coming into operation* . . *21st December 1992*

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 9(3) and 43 of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1992.

*Revocation and saving*

**2.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(**c**) are hereby revoked.

(2) The Regulations referred to in paragraph (1) shall continue to apply in relation to any test carried out or adjustment service provided before 21st December 1992.

*Interpretation*

**3.** In these Regulations—

"the Order" means the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981; and

"the 1984 Regulations" means the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**d**).

*Prescribed fees*

**4.**—(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 Article 9 of the Order applies with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary stamped.

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(a) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(b) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4
(c) S.R. 1991 No. 223
(d) S.R. 1984 No. 117 as amended by S.R. 1986 No. 307

(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 Article 43 of the Order shall be twice the amount prescribed as the fee for testing it.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 19th November 1992.

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Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE regulation 4

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

| *Imperial* | *Metric* |
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| 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 | |

| | NOTE—previous fees in brackets | £ | |
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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 scale exceeding 10 ft and 3 m respectively ... | 23·00 | ( 22·00) |
| | one scale exceeding 10 ft and the other not exceeding 3 m (or vice versa) ... | 16·50 | ( 16·00) |
| | otherwise ... | 7·80 | ( 7·50) |
| | (2) with imperial or metric scale or when only one scale is tested— | | |
| | exceeding 10 ft (if imperial) or 3 m (if metric) ... | 11·00 | ( 10·50) |
| | otherwise ... | 3·60 | ( 3·50) |
| 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 ... | 3·00 | ( 2·90) |
| | otherwise, each measure— | | |
| | not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 L (if metric) ... | 0·95 | ( 0·90) |
| | exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): | | |
| | exceeding 1 L but not exceeding 5 L (if metric) ... | 1·90 | ( 1·85) |
| | imperial, exceeding 1 gal— | | |
| | for the first gallon of the capacity ... | 1·90 | ( 1·85) |
| | for each additional gallon thereof ... | 0·95 | ( 0·90) |
| | metric, exceeding 5 L— | | |
| | for the first 5 L of the capacity ... | 1·90 | ( 1·85) |
| | for each additional 5 L thereof ... | 0·95 | ( 0·90) |

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| (2) with divisions or sub-divisions, each measure— | | |
| not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1 L (if metric)— | | |
| with four graduations or less ... | 1·25 | ( 1·20) |
| for each additional graduation ... | 0·43 | ( 0·40) |
| exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 1 L but not exceeding 5 L (if metric), each graduation ... | 0·52 | ( 0·50) |
| exceeding 1 gal (if imperial) or 5 L (if metric), each graduation ... | 1·25 | ( 1·20) |
| C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure— | | |
| (1) brim measures, whether or not certified ... | 28·00 | ( 27·00) |
| (2) measures, other than brim measures— | | |
| exceeding 8 $m^3$ ... | 81·00 | ( 78·00) |
| otherwise ... | 63·00 | ( 61·00) |
| D. Measuring instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument— | | |
| (1) container types, unsubdivided ... | 31·00 | ( 30·00) |
| (2) single types— | | |
| (with price-computing device) for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device ... | 21·00 | ( 20·00) |
| otherwise ... | 53·00 | ( 51·00) |
| (3) multi-product types with two sales indicators common to each delivery nozzle when in use— | | |
| for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device ... | 33·00 | ( 32·00) |
| otherwise ... | 85·00 | ( 82·00) |
| (4) multi-product types with one sales indicator common to each delivery nozzle when in use— | | |
| two meters and associated sales indicator ... | 74·00 | ( 71·00) |
| three meters and associated sales indicator ... | 101·00 | (98·00) |
| four or more meters and associated sales indicator ... | 138·00 | (133·00) |
| E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument— | | |
| not exceeding 2 fl oz ... | 2·80 | ( 2·70) |
| otherwise ... | 9·15 | ( 8·80) |

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| F. Weights— | | |
| (1) imperial weights exceeding 10 lb, troy weights exceeding 10 oz troy, metric weights exceeding 5 kg, each weight ... | 2·60 | ( 2·50) |
| (2) otherwise, each weight ... | 1·30 | ( 1·25) |
| 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 pre-determined loads, each machine or (where the machine has two or more weighing units each of which completes 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) ... | 23·30 | ( 22·50) |
| exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 112 lb (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 50 kg (if metric) ... | 42·50 | ( 41·00) |
| exceeding 112 lb but not exceeding 2240 lb (if imperial): exceeding 50 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric) ... | 83·00 | ( 80·00) |
| exceeding 2240 lb but not exceeding 22400 lb (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes (if metric) ... | 127·50 | (123·00) |
| exceeding 22400 lb (if imperial) or 10 tonnes (if metric) ... | 170·00 | (164·00) |
| (*b*) totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine ... | 249·00 | (240·00) |
| (*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— | | |
| capacity as marked on the machine— | | |

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| not exceeding 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric) ... | 9·50 | ( 9·00) |
| exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 224 lb (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg (if metric) ... | 14·00 | ( 13·50) |
| exceeding 224 lb but not exceeding 560 lb (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 250 kg (if metric) ... | 18·50 | ( 18·00) |
| exceeding 560 lb but not exceeding 2240 lb (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 250 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric) ... | 33·50 | ( 32·50) |
| exceeding 2240 lb but not exceeding 11200 lb (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 5 tonnes (if metric) ... | 78·00 | ( 75·00) |
| exceeding 11200 lb but not exceeding 67200 lb (if imperial): | | |
| exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes (if metric) ... | 170·00 | (164·00) |
| exceeding 67200 lb (if imperial) or 30 tonnes (if metric) ... | 255·00 | (246·00) |
| H. Measuring equipment for measuring liquid fuel delivered from road tankers— | | |
| (1) meter measuring systems, each system— | | |
| basic fee ... | 72·50 | ( 70·00) |
| where more than one liquid is used in testing, each additional liquid ... | 20·50 | ( 20·00) |
| for retesting of a system solely on the occasion of an occurrence as defined in either regulation 65 or 66 of the 1984 Regulations .. | 14·50 | ( 14·00) |
| (2) dipstick measuring systems, each system— | | |
| basic fee (for calibration of each compartment and production of calibration chart) ... | 83·00 | ( 80·00) |
| initial dipstick ... | 9·50 | ( 9·00) |
| spare dipstick ... | 9·50 | ( 9·00) |
| replacement dipstick ... | 20·50 | ( 20·00) |
| In this paragraph the expressions "meter measuring system", "replacement dipstick", "road tanker" and "spare dipstick" shall have the meanings given to them by regulation 2(1) of the 1984 Regulations. | | |

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| I. | For capacity serving measures which are submitted in groups for the purpose of examination, testing or stamping of the measures by means of statistical sampling techniques— | | |
| | group exceeding 500 but not exceeding 1000 in number ... | 2·45 per dozen | ( 2·35) |
| | group exceeding 1000 but not exceeding 2000 in number ... | 2·40 per dozen | ( 2·30) |
| | group exceeding 2000 but not exceeding 5000 in number ... | 1·90 per dozen | ( 1·85) |
| | group exceeding 5000 but not exceeding 10000 in number ... | 1·40 per dozen | ( 1·35) |
| | group exceeding 10000 — per man/hour spent at the place of submission ... | Inspector rate £26·00 (£25·00)<br>Assistant rate £16·50 (£16·00) | |
| | In this paragraph the expression "capacity serving measure" shall have the meaning given to it by regulation 2(1) of the Capacity Serving Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(**a**). | | |

(**a**) S.R. 1990 No. 2

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase by between 2·5% and 7·5% all the fees previously charged under the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 (S.R. 1991 No. 223) ("the 1991 Regulations").

The 1991 Regulations are revoked except in relation to any test carried out or adjustment service provided before 21st December 1992.