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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987***Made* 24th July 1987*Coming into operation* 1st September 1987

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 2(2), 9(3), 31(12) 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) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1987.

Amendment of the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

2. For Regulation 14 of the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(c) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

“14. A prescribed fee shall be payable in respect of the inspection and testing of the equipment described in paragraphs 4, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 with a view to its certification for the purposes respectively specified in paragraphs 4(h), 9(d) and 11(e) of that Schedule. The appropriate fee shall be payable whether or not the equipment in question is certified for the purposes mentioned.”

Prescribed fees

3.—(1) The Schedule shall have effect for prescribing the fee to be paid in respect of:—

- (a) the testing of any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which Article 9 of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”) applies with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary stamped;
- (b) the inspection, testing and certification of the equipment described in paragraphs 4, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979.

(a) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)

(b) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11) Art. 4

(c) S.R. 1979 No. 435; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

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

(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.

Revocations

4. The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(a) and the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(b) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 24th July 1987.

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SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

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	

NOTE—previous fees in brackets.	£
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 ...	4.25 (4.00)
one scale exceeding 10 ft and the other not exceeding 3 m (or vice versa) ...	2.75 (2.60)
otherwise ...	1.45 (1.35)
(2) with imperial or metric scale or when only one scale is tested—	
exceeding 10 ft (if imperial) or 3 m (if metric) ...	2.15 (2.00)
otherwise ...	0.70 (0.65)
B. Capacity measures—	
(1) without divisions or sub-divisions—	
of glass or earthenware not exceeding 1 pt (if imperial) or 1L (if metric), submitted in quantities of one gross or more at any one time, per dozen ...	0.60 (0.55)
otherwise, each measure—	
not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1L (if metric) ...	0.20 (0.18)
exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial); exceeding 1L but not exceeding 5L (if metric) ...	0.43 (0.40)
imperial: exceeding 1 gal—	
for the first gallon of the capacity ...	0.43 (0.40)
for each additional gallon thereof ...	0.20 (0.18)
metric, exceeding 5L—	
for the first 5L of the capacity ...	0.43 (0.40)
for each additional 5L thereof ...	0.20 (0.18)

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(2) with divisions or sub-divisions, each measure—	
not exceeding 1 qt (if imperial) or 1L (if metric)—	
with four graduations or less ...	0·27 (0·25)
for each additional graduation ...	0·08 (0·07)
exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial):	
exceeding 1L but not exceeding 5L (if metric),	
each graduation ...	0·11 (0·10)
exceeding 1 gal (if imperial) or 5L (if metric),	
each graduation ...	0·27 (0·25)
C. Cubic ballast measures, each measure—	
(1) brim measures, whether or not certificated ...	5·80 (5·45)
(2) measures, other than brim measures—	
exceeding 8 m ³ ...	16·55 (15·60)
otherwise ...	12·40 (11·70)
D. Measuring instruments for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument—	
(1) container types, unsubdivided ...	6·45 (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 ...	6·45 (6·10)
otherwise ...	21·70 (20·45)
(3) other types (single)—	
(with price-computing device) for retesting solely on the occasion of an adjustment in the price-computing device ...	3·30 (3·10)
otherwise ...	13·05 (12·30)
E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument—	
not exceeding 2 fl oz ...	0·55 (0·50)
otherwise ...	1·65 (1·55)
F. Weights—	
(1) imperial weights exceeding 10 lb, troy weights exceeding 10 oz troy, metric weights exceeding 5 kg each weight ...	0·43 (0·40)
(2) otherwise, each weight ...	0·20 (0·18)
G. Weighing instruments—	
(1) instruments calibrated to weigh in both imperial and metric units—	

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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) ...	7·20 (6·80)
exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 112 lb (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 50 kg (if metric) ...	10·35 (9·75)
exceeding 112 lb but not exceeding 2240 lb (if imperial): exceeding 50 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric) ...	17·40 (16·40)
exceeding 2240 lb but not exceeding 22400 lb (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes (if metric) ...	28·95 (27·30)
exceeding 22400 lb (if imperial) or 10 tonnes (if metric) ...	36·15 (34·10)
(b) totalising machines (other than automatic machines described above), each machine ...	57·90 (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— capacity, as marked on the machine—	
not exceeding 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric) ...	1·45 (1·35)
exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 224 lb (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg (if metric) ...	2·30 (2·15)
exceeding 224 lb but not exceeding 560 lb (if imperial): exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 250 kg (if metric) ...	3·05 (2·90)

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exceeding 560 lb but not exceeding 2240 lb (if imperial): exceeding 250 kg but not exceeding 1 tonne (if metric) ...	5.80 (5.45)
exceeding 2240 lb but not exceeding 11200 lb (if imperial): exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 5 tonnes (if metric) ...	13.05 (12.30)
exceeding 11200 lb but not exceeding 67200 lb (if imperial): exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes (if metric) ...	57.90 (54.60)
exceeding 67200 lb (if imperial) or 30 tonnes if metric) ...	72.35 (68.25)
H. Measuring equipment for measuring liquid fuel delivered from road tankers—	
(1) Testing meter measuring systems, each system—basic fee ...	37.00 (35.00)
where more than one liquid is used in testing, each additional liquid ...	10.60 (10.00)
for retesting of a system solely on the occasion of an occurrence as defined in either Regulation 65 or 66 of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(a)—per man/hour spent at the place of submission for the purpose of examination, testing or stamping of the equipment ...	27.00 (—)
(2) testing dipstick measuring system, each system—	
basic fee (for calibration of each compartment and production of calibration chart) ...	45.70 (45.00)
initial dipstick ...	3.20 (3.00)
spare dipstick ...	2.15 (2.00)
replacement dipstick ...	7.40 (7.00)
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 Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland).1984.	
I. Inspection, testing and certification of the equipment described in paragraphs 4, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 to the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979—	
in the case of equipment described in paragraph 4, for each item inspected and tested ...	2.55 (2.40)
in the case of equipment described in paragraph 9, for each item inspected and tested ...	1.05 (1.00)

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in the case of equipment described in paragraph 11—	
where only one item is inspected and tested ...	5·30 (5·00)
where more than one item of the same description is inspected and tested on the same occasion,	
for one of the items ...	5·30 (5·00)
for each of the others ...	1·05 (1·00)
J. For equipment which is submitted for testing by means of statistical sampling techniques — per man/hour spent at the place of submission for the purpose of examination, testing or stamping of the equipment ...	27·00 (—)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations replace the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980. They also amend the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 (the 1979 Regulations).

The Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid—

- (a) for the testing of weighing or measuring equipment with a view to its being passed as fit for use for trade and stamped;
- (b) for the inspection, testing and certification of equipment for making up and checking packages as described in paragraphs 4, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 to the 1979 Regulations; and
- (c) for the adjustment of weights or measures.

In addition to increasing all existing fees, by between 6 and 14%, the Regulations prescribe for the first time the fees to be paid for the retesting of meter measuring systems used for measuring liquid fuel delivered from road tankers following the destruction, obliteration or defacement of an inspector's stamp on such a system in the circumstances as described in Regulations 65 and 66 of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984. *The Regulations also prescribe, again for the first time, a fee for the testing of equipment which is submitted for testing by means of statistical sampling techniques.*

The prescribed fees are payable whether or not the equipment is passed as fit for use for trade or certified for the purposes mentioned in paragraphs 4, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 to the 1979 Regulations.