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PART VII

BEAM SCALES AND BALANCES

Principles of construction

72. No beam scale shall—

- (a) if constructed with swan-neck ends, be of a capacity of 7 pounds or less or have a beam under 16 inches in length;
- (b) be fitted with loaded weight pans;
- (c) if of a capacity of less than 2 hundredweight, be fitted with wooden scale boards.

73. Beam scales which are constructed with swan-neck ends shall have flat end bearings and swivel hooks.

74.—(1) Any attachment for adjusting beam scales or balances shall be permanently affixed to the instrument and shall be so constructed that it cannot be readily tampered with.

(2) All beam scales with wooden scale boards shall be provided with an adjusting balance ball or box.

75. All beam scales shall be indelibly marked either with the inscription “Class B” or with the inscription “Class C”.

Testing

76.—(1) In testing beam scales and balances, the inspector shall satisfy himself that, when the pans are loaded to half the capacity of the instrument and the knife-edges or bearings are moved laterally or backwards and forwards within their limits of movement, there is no appreciable difference in the indications of weight shown by the instrument.

(2) Beam scales and balances shall fall within the prescribed limits of error whether the load is on the middle or near the edges of the pans.

77. Parts I and II of Schedule 2 hereto shall have effect for prescribing limits of error in relation to beam scales and balances.

Stamping

78.—(1) In the case of beam scales, the stamp shall be placed on the plug or stud provided for that purpose.

- (2) In the case of balances, the stamp shall be placed either—
 - (a) on the plug or stud on the base of the pillar; or

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- (b) upon a special plate permanently and irremovable attached to the base of the instrument.