
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 214

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Weights and Measures (Standards
Amendment) Regulations 2003

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 15(1) and 86(1) of the Weights and Measures Act 1985(1) hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Standards Amendment) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 28th February 2003.

Amendment of Subordinate Legislation

2. The Regulations specified in the Schedule hereto shall be amended as set out therein.

4th February 2003

Sainsbury of Turville,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
Science and Innovation,
Department of Trade and Industry

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

REGULATIONS AMENDED

1. In regulation 55A of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel delivered from Road Tankers) Regulations 1983(2), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measuring equipment on road tankers or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measuring equipment on road tankers in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(3).”.

2. The Weighing Equipment (Filling and Discontinuous Totalising Automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations 1986(4) shall be amended as follows:—

(i) for paragraph (3) of regulation 23A there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of filling machines or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing filling machines in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(3).”; and

(ii) for paragraph (3) of regulation 32A there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of discontinuous totalisers or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing discontinuous totalisers in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(3).”.

3. In regulation 23B of the Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations 1986(5), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measures of length or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measures of length in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(3).”.

4. Regulation 17A of the Capacity Serving Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Regulations 1988(6) shall be amended as follows:—

(2) S.I. 1983/1390; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/3117.

(3) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(4) S.I. 1986/1320; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/797 and S.I. 2000/387.

(3) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(3) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(5) S.I. 1986/1682; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/2636.

(3) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(6) S.I. 1988/120; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1993/2060.

(i) in paragraph (1), after the words “member State” there shall be inserted the words “or an EEA State”; and

(ii) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of capacity serving measures or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing capacity serving measures in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(3).

(3A) In this regulation, “EEA State” means a State which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement other than the United Kingdom, and in this paragraph “the EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993.”.

5. In regulation 7A of the Measuring Equipment (Cold-water Meters) Regulations 1988(7), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of cold-water meters or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing cold-water meters in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025: 2000(8).”.

6. In regulation 13 of the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures and Testing Equipment) Regulations 1995(9), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of capacity measures or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing capacity measures in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(8).”.

7. In regulation 18 of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 1995(10), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measuring equipment for liquid fuel and lubricants or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measuring equipment for liquid fuel and lubricants in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(8).”.

8. In regulation 8 of the Weighing Equipment (Automatic Gravimetric Filling Instruments) Regulations 2000(11), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

(3) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(7) S.I. 1988/997 as amended by S.I. 2001/1229.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(9) S.I. 1995/735, to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(10) S.I. 1995/1014; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/2218.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(11) S.I. 2000/388 to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations.

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of filling instruments or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing filling instruments in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(8).”.

9. In regulation 36 (1) of the Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations 2000(12), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of non-automatic weighing machines or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing non-automatic weighing machines in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(8).”.

10. In regulation 14 of the Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations 2001(13), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of beltweighers or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing beltweighers in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(8).”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend references in weights and measures Regulations to the standard EN 45001 which is replaced by a new standard, BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.

These standards set the minimum requirements for the competence of accredited testing and calibration laboratories who may carry out testing of weighing and measuring equipment imported into Great Britain. EN 45001 was a European standard prepared by CEN/CENELEC, the European standardisation bodies. Standard BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000, which is a more comprehensive standard, is an international standard prepared by the International Organisation for Standards and the International Electrotechnical Commission. As with the standard EN 45001, BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 has been approved by CEN/CENELEC as a European standard and has the status of a British Standard.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(12) S.I. 2000/932 to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

(13) S.I. 2001/1208.

(8) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2).

These Regulations also make it clear that in the case of each of the Regulations amended an approved body is a body which has been accredited in relation to the specific product to which those Regulations apply.

BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is available from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institute or from the British Standards Institute, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LE.