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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ADMINISTRATION

**The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees)
Regulations 1976**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>1st November 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>8th November 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>13th December 1976</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 11(3), 43 and 58 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in him(b) and of all other powers enabling him 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 1976 and shall come into operation on 13th December 1976.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1975(c) are hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Regulations and the Regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2.—(1) The Schedule hereto 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 11 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 43 of the Act shall be twice the amount prescribed as the fee for testing it.

John Fraser,
Minister of State,
Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

1st November 1976.

(a) 1963 c. 31.

(c) S.I. 1975/1381 (1975 II, p. 4737).

(b) S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(d) 1889 c. 63.

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 10 ft and 3m respectively	3.00
One scale exceeding 10 ft 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 10 ft (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 1 pt (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 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (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 1 qt (if imperial) or 1l (if metric)—	
With four graduations or less	0.20
For each additional graduation	0.05
Exceeding 1 qt but not exceeding 1 gal (if imperial): exceeding 1l but not exceeding 5l (if metric), each graduation	0.08
Exceeding 1 gal (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 12 cu yd and metric exceeding 8m ³	18.00

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Imperial capacity exceeding 12 cu yd but metric not exceeding 8m ³ (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 12 cu yd or 8m ³	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 occasion mentioned above)	2.40
otherwise	9.45
E. Measuring instruments for intoxicating liquor, each instrument—	
Not exceeding 2 fl oz	0.38
Other	1.20
F. Weights—	
(1) Imperial weights exceeding 10 lb, troy weights exceeding 10 oz troy, metric weights exceeding 5 kg, 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 20 lb (if imperial) or 10 kg (if metric)	5.25
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 1 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 50 kg (if metric)	7.50

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Exceeding 1 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 50 kg 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 con- nected 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) ..	1.05
Exceeding 20 lb but not exceeding 2 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg (if metric)	1.65
Exceeding 2 cwt but not exceeding 5 cwt (if imperial): exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 250 kg (if metric)	2.25
Exceeding 5 cwt but not exceeding 1 ton (if imperial): exceeding 250 kg 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.)

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 when a local authority provides an adjusting service.

The Regulations replace the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1975. 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.

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