
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Appropriate equipment for tests

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, for the purposes of regulations 11(4), 12(4), 13(7) and 38(1) an instrument shall be tested by the use of weights as set out in the following Table or by the equivalent equipment provided for in sub-paragraph (3)(a) below.

TABLE

<i>Accuracy Classification of Instruments</i>	<i>Weights to be used</i>
Class I	Weights conforming to the requirements of the 1974 directive (other than class F1, F2 and M1 weights therein referred to)
Class II	<p>Local standard weights, working standard weights which fall within the prescribed limits of error relating to the equivalent local standard weights, test weights not greater than 20 kg which fall within the prescribed limits of error relating to the equivalent local standard weights or test weights greater than 20 kg which fall within 0.15 of the prescribed limits of error for the test weights in question</p> <p>Northern Ireland local standard weights, Northern Ireland working standard weights which fall within the limits of error relating to the equivalent local standard weights, Northern Ireland test weights not greater than 20 kg which fall within the limits of error relating to the equivalent local standard weights or test weights greater than 20 kg which fall within 0.15 of the limits of error for the test weights in question</p> <p>Weights conforming to the requirements of the 1974 directive (other than class M1 weights therein referred to)</p>

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<i>Accuracy Classification of Instruments</i>	<i>Weights to be used</i>
Class III and having more than 5,000 scale intervals	<p>Local standard weights, working standard weights, test weights not greater than 20 kg or test weights greater than 20 kg which fall within half the prescribed limits of error for the test weights in question</p> <p>Northern Ireland local standard weights, Northern Ireland working standard weights, Northern Ireland test weights not greater than 20 kg or test weights greater than 20 kg which fall within half the limits of error for the test weights in question</p> <p>Weights conforming to the requirements of the 1974 directive</p>
Class III and having no more than 5,000 scale intervals and Class IIII	<p>Local standard weights, working standard weights or test weights</p> <p>Northern Ireland local standard weights, Northern Ireland working standard weights or Northern Ireland test weights</p> <p>Weights conforming to the requirements of the 1974 directive</p>

(2) For the purposes of the table in paragraph (1) above—

- (a) the error in the weights to be used in any particular case shall not exceed the amount specified in the relevant national standard; and
- (b) the quantities of weights to be used in any particular case shall be ascertained in accordance with the relevant national standard.

(3) In this regulation—

- (a) “equivalent equipment” shall be—
 - (i) any weighing or measuring equipment;
 - (ii) any other metrological equipment; or
 - (iii) any article for use in connection with such equipment, which has been accepted by the Secretary of State for testing as to accuracy or compliance with any specification in pursuance of section 6(1) of the 1985 Act and which has been approved by him as being appropriate equipment for use in accordance with regulations 11(4), 12(4), 13(7) and 38(1);
- (b) “local standard weights”, “working standard weights” and “test weights” shall be construed in accordance with the Weights and Measures (Local and Working Standard Weights and Testing Equipment) Regulations 1986(1),
- (c) “Northern Ireland local standard weights”, “Northern Ireland working standard weights” and “Northern Ireland test weights” shall be construed in accordance with the 1981 Order; and

- (d) “the 1974 directive” means Council Directive [74/148/EEC](#)(2) on the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to weights of from 1 mg to 50 kg of above-medium accuracy.

(2) OJNo. L84, 28.3.1974, p. 3.