
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 492

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weights and Measures (Passing as Fit for Use for Trade and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 28th November 2003

Coming into operation 29th December 2003

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment⁽¹⁾, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 9(3) and 43 of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981⁽²⁾ and now vested in it⁽³⁾ 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 (Passing as Fit for Use for Trade and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 29th December 2003.

Revocation and saving

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Weights and Measures (Passing as Fit for Use for Trade and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002⁽⁴⁾ are hereby revoked.

(2) The Regulations referred to in paragraph (1) shall continue to apply in relation to any item of weighing or measuring equipment passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary stamped or adjustment service provided before 29th December 2003.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations –

“the Order” means the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

“the 1984 Regulations” means the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984⁽⁵⁾; and

(1) Formerly the Department of Economic Development; *see* S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Art. 3(5)

(2) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10) as amended by 2000 c. 5 (N.I.)

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

(4) S.R. 2002 No. 308

(5) S.R. 1984 No. 117 as amended by S.R. 1986 No. 307, S.R. 1995 No. 228, S.R. 1997 No. 220 and S.R. 2002 No. 71

“the 1998 Regulations” means the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(6).

Prescribed fees

4.—(1) In the Schedule –

- (a) Part I shall have effect for prescribing the fee to be paid with a view to having any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which Article 9 of the Order applies passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary stamped; and
- (b) Part II shall have effect for prescribing the fee to be paid with a view to having any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which Article 9B of the Order applies passed as fit for use for trade and where necessary 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 Article 43 of the Order shall be an amount calculated in accordance with the fee prescribed in paragraph D of Part I of the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 28th November 2003.

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PART I

ITEMS OF WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT
TO WHICH ARTICLE 9 OF THE ORDER APPLIES

In this Part, the abbreviation employed to refer to the kilogramme unit of measurement is kg.

| NOTE – previous fees in brackets (if applicable) | £ | |
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| A. Measuring equipment for measuring liquid fuel or lubricants, or mixtures thereof, each instrument – | | |
| (1) single type | 66·00 | (58·00) |
| (2) multi-product types with two sales indicators common to each delivery nozzle when in use | 107·00 | (94·00) |
| (3) multi-product types with one sales indicator common to each delivery nozzle when in use – | | |
| (a) (a) for testing an entire instrument consisting of – | | |
| (i) two meters and associated sales indicator | 92·00 | (81·00) |
| (ii) three meters and associated sales indicator | 125·00 | (110·00) |
| (iii) four or more meters and associated sales indicator | 173·00 | (152·00) |
| (b) (b) for retesting part of an instrument consisting of any number of meters as provided for in regulation 22(1)(a) of the 1998 Regulations where – | | |
| (i) only one meter is retested | 66·00 | (—) |
| (ii) only two meters are retested | 92·00 | (—) |
| (iii) only three meters are retested | 125·00 | (—) |

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| B. Non-automatic weighing equipment, each item of equipment 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 equipment – | | |
| not exceeding 100 kg | 18·00 | (16·00) |
| exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 1,000 kg | 41·00 | (36·00) |
| exceeding 1,000 kg but not exceeding 5,000 kg | 98·00 | (86·00) |
| exceeding 5,000 kg but not exceeding 30,000 kg | 212·00 | (186·00) |
| exceeding 30,000 kg | 319·00 | (280·00) |
| C. Measuring equipment for measuring liquid fuel delivered from road tankers – | | |
| (1) meter measuring systems, each system – | | |
| basic fee | 90·00 | (80·00) |
| where more than one liquid is used in testing, each additional liquid | 25·00 | (22·00) |
| for retesting of a system solely on the occasion of an occurrence as defined | 18·00 | (16·00) |
| (2) dipstick measuring systems, each system – | | |
| basic fee (for calibration of each compartment and production of calibration chart) | 104·00 | (91·00) |
| initial dipstick | 13·00 | (11·00) |
| spare dipstick | 13·00 | (11·00) |
| replacement dipstick | 25·00 | (22·00) |
| In this paragraph the expressions “meter measuring system”, “replacement dipstick”, “road tanker” and “spare dipstick” shall have | | |

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the meanings given to them by regulation 2(1) of the 1984 Regulations.

D. Any item of weighing or measuring equipment not falling within paragraph A, B, or C of this Part –

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| per man/hour spent at the place of submission | Inspector rate 32·00 | (28·00) |
| | Assistant rate 22·00 | (19·00) |

PART II

ITEMS OF WEIGHING OR MEASURING EQUIPMENT TO WHICH ARTICLE 9B OF THE ORDER APPLIES

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| NOTE – previous fees in brackets | £ | |
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Any item of weighing or measuring equipment to which Article 9B of the Order applies –

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| per man/hour spent at the place of submission | Inspector rate 32·00 | (28·00) |
| | Assistant rate 22·00 | (19·00) |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid in having certain weighing or measuring equipment passed as fit for use for trade by inspectors of weights and measures and for the adjustment by them of weights and measures.

The Regulations additionally:

- (a) make provision for an increase in the fees by an average of 14%;
- (b) prescribe fees for retesting part of an instrument consisting of any number of meters as provided for in regulation 22(1)(a) of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998; and

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- (c) make reference to the capacity of non-automatic weighing equipment as being in kilogrammes rather than tonnes.

The Weights and Measures (Passing as Fit for Use for Trade and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 are revoked except in relation to any item of equipment passed as fit for use for trade or adjustment service provided before 29th December 2003.