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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**The Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations 1988**

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**THE WEIGHING EQUIPMENT (NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES) REGULATIONS 1988**

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5. (1) Where a non-automatic weighing machine has interchangeable or reversible...
6. (1) No non-automatic weighing machine shall have monetary indications in...
7. The load receptor of a non-automatic weighing machine shall be...
8. Where a non-automatic weighing machine is fitted with a zero...
9. Every non-automatic weighing machine shall comply with the requirements in...
10. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, every non-automatic weighing machine...
11. (1) Subject to the following paragraphs of this Regulation, every...
12. Any pit provided for the installation of a non-automatic weighing...
13. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the approved minimum load...

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14. (1) The graduated weight indicating, printing and tare devices of...
15. (1) Every non-automatic weighing machine first passed as fit for...
16. (1) Where units of measurement are marked on non-automatic weighing...
17. Only a non-automatic weighing machine of Class I, or Class...
18. Where a non-automatic weighing machine which is first passed as...
19. (1) Every non-automatic weighing machine which is in use for...
20. Every non-automatic weighing machine shall be provided with—

### PART III

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21. Where a non-automatic weighing machine is fitted with one or...
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23. Where a non-automatic weighing machine is marked with the manner...
24. Where a non-automatic weighing machine is fitted with a weight...
25. No person shall use for trade a non-automatic weighing machine...
26. Every non-automatic weighing machine shall be erected in such a...
27. Except as specified in the published particulars of the approved...
28. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, every Class I or...
29. No non-automatic weighing machine which has weight scale intervals expressed...
30. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, every non-automatic weighing machine...

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31. (1) Every non-automatic weighing machine submitted for testing shall be...
32. No non-automatic weighing machine which is to be permanently installed...
33. (1) Every non-automatic weighing machine, where the maximum load does...
34. Every non-automatic weighing machine designed to be operated by means...
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40. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) below, an inspector...
41. (1) An inspector shall obliterate the stamp on any non-automatic...
42. An inspector may obliterate the stamp on any non-automatic weighing...
43. (1) For the purpose of these Regulations, the obliteration of...
44. Where the inspector has obliterated a stamp on a non-automatic...

### PART VI

#### AMENDMENT OF OTHER INSTRUMENTS

45. The Regulations specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations shall...

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SCHEDULE 1 — REGULATIONS AMENDED  
— THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATIONS 1963

1. In Regulation 1(1), delete subparagraphs (e) to (m).
2. In Regulation 1(2), delete subparagraphs (a) and (c).
3. In Regulation 1(2)(i), for the words “counter machine, platform weighing...
4. After Regulation 1(2)(i) insert the following:— (j) automatic checkweighing machines...
5. Delete Regulation 1A.
6. In Regulation 5(1)(a) delete “subject to paragraph (2) of this...
7. In Regulation 5(1)(b), delete subparagraphs (iii) to (vi).
8. In Regulation 5, delete paragraphs (1A) and (1B).
9. In Regulation 6(2), delete subparagraph (h) and insert the following:—...
10. After Regulation 6(2), add the following paragraph:— The stamp shall...
11. In Regulation 8(1), delete subparagraph (c).
12. In Regulation 8(2), delete “(c) or” and subparagraph (a)(i).
13. In Regulation 8(6), delete “for the purpose of converting it...
14. For Regulation 8A, substitute the following: For the purpose of these Regulations, the obliteration of any...
15. After Regulation 63A, insert the following Regulation:— Weighing equipment shall be provided with such sealing arrangements as...
16. Delete Regulations 65 to 71A inclusive.
17. Delete the whole of Parts VII to XI and XIII....
18. Delete Regulation 121(a) and (b).
19. In Schedule 2— (a) in paragraph 1 in Part I,...

SCHEDULE 2 — ACCURACY CLASSIFICATION OF NON-AUTOMATIC  
WEIGHING MACHINES

PART I — GENERAL

1. Non-automatic weighing machines are divided into four classes of accuracy...
2. Where self and semi-self indicating machines are provided with an...
3. In each weighing mode of a machine each of the...
4. A weight indicating or printing device which, in any single...
5. Each verification scale interval is— (a) marked on the machine...
6. The presence of a tare device or of a verification...
7. For machines provided with several weight indicating or printing devices,...
8. For machines provided with graduated tare devices the smallest scale...
9. For machines fitted with a graduated verification device the scale...

PART II — MACHINES DESIGNATED CLASS I

10. A machine made in accordance with an approved pattern and...
11. The specifications for non-graduated and graduated Class I machines are...

PART III — MACHINES DESIGNATED CLASS II

12. A machine which is: (a) made in accordance with an...
13. The specifications for non-graduated and graduated Class II machines are...

PART IV — MACHINES DESIGNATED CLASS III

14. A machine which is— (a) made in accordance with an...
15. The specifications for non-graduated and graduated Class III machines are...

PART V — MACHINES DESIGNATED CLASS IIII

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16. A machine which is— (a) made in accordance with an...
17. The specifications for non-graduated and graduated Class III machines are...

### SCHEDULE 3 — TESTING

#### PART I — GENERAL

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 17 of this Schedule...
2. (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 16 of this...
3. When taking test readings from digital weight indicators or printers,...
4. In the case of a machine having an automatic zero...
5. In the case of a machine of an approved pattern...
6. When testing any machine, the inspector shall first ascertain:—
7. Where feasible, the inspector may combine tests or carry out...  
PART II — ACCURACY TESTING
8. Weight indicating and weight printing devices (a) Subject to paragraph...  
PART III — OTHER TESTING
9. Interpretation In this Part of this Schedule, “absolute value” means...
10. Comparison testing (a) Machines having a weighing mode in which...
11. Alternative load balancing arrangement testing (a) Machines having a weighing...
12. Repeatability testing (a) Repeatability testing shall be carried out as...
13. Price-to-pay testing (a) By checking with several different weights and...
14. Discrimination testing (a) Discrimination testing shall not be carried out...
15. Level indicator testing (a) The sensitivity of the level indicating...
16. Tilt testing (a) Tilt testing shall not be carried out...
17. Eccentric load testing (a) Machines shall be subjected to eccentric...
18. Locking or relieving gear testing Load and weight receptors which...
19. Backbalance testing (a) Backbalance testing shall be carried out only...

### SCHEDULE 4 — PRESCRIBED LIMITS OF ERROR

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, the prescribed limits...
2. An indicating or printing device which, in any single weighing...
3. In the case where— (a) a machine has had its...
4. The requirements referred to in paragraph 3(c)(i) above are that...

### SCHEDULE 5 —

Explanatory Note