

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 1 OF 1996

The Weights and Measures Act  
(Act No. 22 of 1994)

The Weights and Measures (Assize Fees) Regulations, 1996

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *forty-four* of the Weights and Measures Act, 1994, the following Regulations are hereby made:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Assize Fees) Regulations, 1996.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"applicant" means a person referred to in section *fifteen* of the Act who having an instrument, weight or measure for use in trade, or in his possession or charge for use in trade notifies the Assizer in writing of the particulars of such instrument, weight or measure and the place where it is kept and requests that such instrument, weight or measure be assized at that place; and includes any person notifying an Assizer of the said particulars in a request for the assize of an instrument, weight or measure in advance of a notice published in terms of section *seventeen* of the Act;

"assize station" means a place or an area specified in a notice where persons called upon must produce any instrument in use or possession or charge for use in trade for the purpose of its being assized;

"special applicant" means a person, other than an applicant who notifies the Assizer of the particulars of an instrument or measure and requests that such instrument or measure be assized at the place where it is kept; and shall include an instrument maker, repairer or seller.

Subject to regulation 5, there shall be charged in respect of sizing or rejection of instruments the fees prescribed in the schedule.

Title

Interpretation

Testing fees

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Adjusting  
and services  
fees

4. Subject to the provisions of regulation 5 there shall be charged in respect of—

- (a) the adjustment of weights and measures, the fees prescribed in Part I of the Second Schedule;
- (b) the miscellaneous services mentioned in Part II of the Second Schedule, the fees prescribed in that Part.

Attendance  
fees

5. Subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) of regulation 4, where an instrument is assized or rejected for an applicant at a place other than—

- (a) an assize office; or
- (b) an assize station;

the appropriate fees chargeable in terms of regulations 3 and 4 shall be the appropriate fee increased by the attendance fee prescribed in Part III of the Second Schedule.

Travelling  
and  
subsistence  
fees

6. (1) Where an Assizer tests an instrument on the premises of a special applicant, there shall be charged, in respect of each journey made by the Assizer to the premises—

(a) where the journey is made by motor vehicle, a fee at the rate of 0.25 fee units per kilometre or part thereof in respect of the distance between the premises and the assize office at which the Assizer is stationed; or the attendance fees specified in Part III of the Second Schedule whichever is the greater;

(b) where the journey is made by air, road or rail, a fee equal to the cost of a return economy air fare, or first class return bus or train fare from the assize office at which the Assizer is stationed to the airport, bus station or railway station nearest to the premises, plus any costs incurred by the Assizer in travelling from the airport, bus station or railway station, as the case may be, to the premises;

(c) a fee of 500 fee units or the cost of accommodation whichever is the greater, where the Assizer obtains sleeping accommodation away from the situation of the assize office at which the aforesaid Assizer is stationed.

(2) The fee prescribed in paragraph (a) or (b) of sub-regulation (1) shall not be charged where the special applicant provides suitable transport for the journey.

(3) Where two or more special applicants are dealt with in a journey the fees laid down in sub-regulation (1) shall be apportioned between such applicants.

7. Where an assizer with standard weights provided and carried by the government, tests a weigh-bridge, on the premises of an applicant or special applicant, there shall be charged in addition to any other fee prescribed in these Regulations—

Fees for the use and transport of test weights provided by Government

(a) the total transportation costs of moving the standard weights to and from the premises of the applicant or special applicant and this shall include the cost of fuel, lubricants, subsistence allowances for the assizer and driver and mileage at the rate of 5 fee units per kilometre; or

(b) a fee equal to the current daily pay and overtime for the truck crew.

8. (1) Where any testing is carried out for the mutual benefit of the owners or users of an instrument on one hand and the Assize Department, on the other hand, other than upon request made by the applicant, the testing fees, travel and subsistence fees and fees for carriage of standards set out for the applicants and special applicants may be charged.

Fees to be charged in other cases

(2) Where a person uses standard weights to test an instrument other than a weigh-bridge the fees shown in regulation 7 (a) and (b) all be charged.

(3) Where any instrument is tested for a Government Department using standard weights, testing fees, travel and subsistence fees, or fees for the carriage standards set out for applicants or special applicants shall be charged.

9. The Weights and Measures (Assize Fees) Regulations, 1979, are hereby revoked.

Revocation of S.I. No. 113 of 1979

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

#### TESTING FEES

##### WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

Testing a weighing instrument other than an automatic weighing instrument specified spring balance, of a capacity of:

|  | <i>Fee Units</i> |
|--|------------------|
| (a) under 5 kilograms                            | 50               |
| (b) 5 kilograms or over but under 10 kilograms   | 100              |
| (c) 10 kilograms or over, but under 20 kilograms | 150              |
| (d) 20 kilograms or over, but under 50 kilograms | 200              |

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| (e) 50 kilograms or over, but under 100 kilograms  | 250   |
| (f) 100 kilograms or over, but under 500 kilograms | 300   |
| (g) 500 kilograms or over, but under 2 tons        | 350   |
| (h) 2 metric tons or over, but under 5 tons        | 400   |
| (i) 5 metric tons or over, but under 10 tons       | 450   |
| (j) 10 metric tons or over, but under 20 tons      | 500   |
| (k) 20 metric tons or over, but under 50 tons      | 1000  |
| (l) 50 metric tons or over and under 100 tons      | 1500  |
| (m) 100 metric tons or over                        | 2000  |

The fees for a self-indicating scale, including a spring self-indicating scale or a spring balance, other than a suspended spring balance listed in paragraph 2 be the above fees increased by 100 per centum.

The fees for an optical or electronic self-indicating price computing scale or an optical or electronic digital heavy duty scale shall be the above increased by 200 per centum.

2. A crane weigher or a suspended spring balance, of a capacity of—

|  | Fee |
|--|-----|
| (a) under 50 kilograms                       | 1   |
| (b) 50 kilograms, but under 100 kilograms    | 1   |
| (c) 100 kilograms, but under 200 kilograms   | 2   |
| (d) 200 kilograms, but under 1,000 kilograms | 2   |
| (e) 1,000 kilograms or over                  | 3   |

3. An automatic conveyor type weigher

4. An automatic weighing machine, when the capacity of each individual unit is:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| (a) under 5 kilograms                        | 1 |
| (b) 5 kilograms, but under 100 kilograms     | 1 |
| (c) 100 kilograms, but under 500 kilograms   | 2 |
| (d) 200 kilograms, but under 1,000 kilograms | 2 |
| (e) 1,000 kilograms and over                 | 3 |

**WEIGHTS**

- (a) Any high precision weight of 1 kilogram and under
- (b) Any high precision weight of over 1 kilogram
- (c) Any weight of 5 kilograms and under
- (d) Any weight of 5 kilograms and over
- (e) Weigh bridge test weights

**MEASURES OF CAPACITY**

- 1. Any graduated measure of a capacity of 1 litre or under

measure of a capacity of:

|  | <i>Fee Units</i> |
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| 2. Any ungraduated measure of a capacity of:   |                  |
| (a) 1 litre or 500 millilitres                 | 75               |
| (b) 5 litres or 500 millilitres                | 75               |
| (c) 10.5 or 2 litres                           | 75               |
| (d) 20 litres or over, but under 50 litres     | 100              |
| (e) 50 litres or over, but under 100 litres    | 150              |
| (f) 100 litres or over, but under 200 litres   | 200              |
| (g) 200 litres or over, but under 500 litres   | 250              |
| (h) 500 litres or over, but under 1,000 litres | 300              |
| (i) 1,000 litres or over                       | 350              |

3. Precision measure of capacity for use as a working standard:

Any precision measure of capacity of:

|                               | <i>Fee Units</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| (a) below 20 litres           | 300              |
| (b) 20 litres, to 25 litres   | 400              |
| (c) 50 litres, to 100 litres  | 500              |
| (d) 200 litres, to 225 litres | 600              |

4. (1) A vehicle tank or compartment when tested, of capacity of:

|   | <i>Fee Units</i> |
|---|------------------|
| (a) for the first 500 litres                        | 100              |
| (b) Over 500 litres:                                |                  |
| (i) for the first 500 litres                        | 100              |
| (ii) for each additional 500 litres or part thereof | 50               |

(2) The fee for an Assize seal fixed on each compartment of a tank lorry shall be 50

(3) (a) The fee for replacement of a valid tanker vehicle certificate shall be 50% of the fee in paragraph (4) (1).

(b) When a vehicle tanker certificate is issued, the certificate number of that certificate shall be reflected on the Assize fees receipt so issued to the owner of the vehicle tanker.

(c) At no time shall a valid tanker vehicle certificate be issued without duty assizing the vehicle tanker and the relevant assize fees being charged.

MEASURE OF LENGTH

1. Measure of length of:

|                       | <i>Fee Units</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| (a) over 3 metres     | 100              |
| (b) 3 metres or under | 50               |

MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

Fee Units

- 1. (a) A bulk-flow meter with automatic billing mechanism 500
- (b) A bulk-flow meter with automatic or set stop mechanism 500
- (c) A bulk-flow meter of 90 millimetre bore or less 750
- (d) A bulk-flow metre with automatic stop billing mechanism 800
- (e) A bulk-flow metre with temperature compensation device 1,000
- (f) A bulk metre of over 20 millimetre bore unspecified
- (g) Master metre of over 90 millimetre bore unspecified
- (h) A master metre of over 90 millimetre bore unspecified
- (i) A proving loop unspecified
- (j) A turbine metre unspecified
- (k) A data recording pulsator or print-out device unspecified
- (l) A remote read-out device unspecified

2. A liquid fuel or lubricating-oil measuring instrument other than a bulk meter:  
 (a) incorporating a flow meter 100  
 (b) incorporating a flow meter and price computer 200  
 (c) incorporating blending system 500  
 (d) digital read out petrol pump 400

- 3. (a) An instrument for measuring spirituous liquor of capacity of 35ml 50
- (b) A beer measuring instrument 100
- 4. A fabric-measuring instrument with or without a price computing unit:

- (a) of 50 metres or over 100
- (b) under 50 metres 50

When fees are shown as unspecified a charge covering the cost to the Assize Department on a time and expenses basis shall be made.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulations 4, 5 and 6)

PART II

ADJUSTING FEES

|                                       | Fee Units |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Any weight of 5 kilograms and over | 50        |
| 2. Any other weight                   | 50        |
| 3. Any precision weight               | 100       |

|  | <i>Fee Units</i> |
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| 4. Any poise                           | 50               |
| 5. Any measure of capacity:            |                  |
| (a) under 1 litre                      | 50               |
| (b) 1 litre, but under 5 litres        | 75               |
| (c) 5 litres, but under 10 litres      | 80               |
| (d) 10 litres, but under 50 litres     | 85               |
| (e) 50 litres, but under 250 litres    | 90               |
| (f) 250 litres, but under 1,000 litres | 95               |
| (g) 1,000 litres or over               | 100              |

## PART II

## FEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE

|   | <i>Fee Units</i> |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Denominating a weight or measure   | 100              |
| 2. Affixing a solder pad, stud plug or seal   | 100              |
| 3. Permit for use of an unassized instrument  | 100              |
| 4. Examination of instrument for approval under section 15 in addition to the Appropriate fees, plus attendance fee, travelling allowances etc. | 1500             |
| 5. Examination for and issue of certificate of competence   | 500              |
| 6. Renewal of certificate of competence   | 250              |
| 7. Replacement of lost or stolen die  | 1000             |

## PART III

## ATTENDANCE FEE

|  | <i>Fee Units</i> |
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| 1. Within an urban council   | 100              |
| 2. Outside an urban council, but not more than 20 kilometres from it   | 250              |
| 3. Outside an urban council, but not more than 40 kilometres from it   | 500              |
| 4. Where staff are required to attend at a distance exceeding 80 kilometres, such costs not exceeding the cost to Government of the service rendered, plus, lodging and mileage shall be charged in addition to any fee set out for assizing or adjusting as set out herein. |                  |

## PART IV

## HIRE CHARGES AND DELAY CHARGES

Where a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer, fitter or any person contracts to hire the testing equipment and carrying facilities belonging to the Government without the attendance of an Assizer, a charge of 1000 fee units per day, hire charge for the first 5 days and 2000 fee units per day thereafter, shall be charged in addition to any subsequent test fee.

PART V

WEIGHBRIDGE

When a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer or any person acting for an applicant or a special applicant fails to complete the submission and assizing of a single weighbridge in a full working day a delay charge of 100 penalty units per day shall be charged for each day the work is not complete.

A full working day is a period of eight hours whether continuous or not on consecutive days.

The hirer shall have the services of a competent driver and crane hand and shall insure both equipment and staff for all risks during the period that they are engaged on his premises.

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