

2005 No. 26

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**The Weights and Measures (Standards Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Made - - - - - *7th February 2005*

Coming into operation *1st March 2005*

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment^(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 13(1) of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^(b) and now vested in it^(c) 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 (Standards Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st March 2005.

Amendment of Regulations

2. The Regulations specified in the Schedule shall be amended as set out therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 7th February 2005.

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(a) Formerly known as the Department of Economic Development; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Art. 3(5)
(b) S.I. 1981/231 (N.I. 10)
(c) By S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11), Art. 4

Regulations Amended

1. In regulation 55A of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel by Road Tanker) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(a), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measuring equipment on road tankers or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measuring equipment on road tankers in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000(b).”.

2. The Weighing Equipment (Filling and Discontinuous Totalising Automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(c) shall be amended as follows –

(i) for paragraph (3) of regulation 23A there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of filling machines or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing filling machines in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.”; and

(ii) for paragraph (3) of regulation 32A there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of discontinuous totalisers or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing discontinuous totalisers in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.”.

3. In regulation 22B of the Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(d), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measures of length or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measures of length in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.”.

4. Regulation 19 of the Capacity Serving Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(e) shall be amended as follows –

(i) in paragraph (1), after the words “member State” there shall be inserted the words “or an EEA State”; and

(ii) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs –

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of capacity serving measures or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing capacity serving measures in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.

(3A) In this regulation, “EEA State” means a State which is a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement other than the United Kingdom, and in this paragraph “the EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993.”.

5. In regulation 13 of the Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(f), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

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- (a) S.R. 1984 No. 117; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1997 No. 220
(b) BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is the international standard “General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories” (ISBN 0 580 34929 2)
(c) S.R. 1986 No. 311; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 374 and S.R. 2004 No. 189
(d) S.R. 1986 No. 308; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1999 No. 160
(e) S.R. 1993 No. 441 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(f) S.R. 1998 No. 48 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

“(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of capacity measures or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing capacity measures in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.”.

6. In regulation 16 of the Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(a), for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

(3) A body is an “approved body” for the purposes of this regulation if it is a body in a member State or in an EEA State which has responsibility in that State for metrological control of measuring equipment for liquid fuel and lubricants or is a laboratory which has been accredited for the purposes of testing measuring equipment for liquid fuel and lubricants in a member State or in an EEA State as being a body which conforms with the criteria set out in BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.”.

(a) S.R. 1998 No. 113 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend references in weights and measures Regulations to the standard EN 45001 which is replaced by a new standard, BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000.

These standards set the minimum requirements for the competence of accredited testing and calibration laboratories that may carry out testing of certain weighing and measuring equipment imported into Northern Ireland. EN 45001 was a European standard prepared by CEN/CENELEC, the European standardisation bodies. Standard BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000, which is a more comprehensive standard, is an international standard prepared by the International Organisation for Standards and the International Electrotechnical Commission. As with the standard EN 45001, BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 has been approved by CEN/CENELEC as a European standard and has the status of a British Standard.

These Regulations also make it clear that, in the case of each of the Regulations amended, an approved body is a body which has been accredited in relation to the specific product to which those Regulations apply.

BS EN ISO/IEC 17025:2000 is available from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institute or from the British Standards Institute, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LE.

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