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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND JANUARY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 5(1)(3) and 8(1) of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1969.

2. The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall have effect as if—

(a) for Regulation 30 there were substituted the following:—

“30.—(1) The prescribed limits of error on the testing of measuring instruments shall be—

- (a) in the case of a price computing instrument which indicates the quantity of fuel delivered in imperial units but which is designed to be converted to indicate the quantity in metric units, those set out in column 2 in Table 1 in the Schedule hereto; and
- (b) in the case of any other instrument, those set out in column 3 in the said Table 1:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of an instrument fitted to a tank wagon for use in the measurement of lubricants, the prescribed limit of error in relation to quantities not exceeding 5 gallons shall be five fluid ounces in excess; and

(ii) in relation to the retesting of any instrument fitted with a price computing mechanism which—

(a) is, in the opinion of an inspector, only required to be retested as a result of an alteration or adjustment of that mechanism occasioned by a change in price; and

(b) has previously been tested and passed as fit for use for trade (but not since the said alteration or adjustment was made), the prescribed limits of error shall be those set out in Table 2 in the Schedule hereto.

(2) The limits of error referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall apply both in respect of any individual delivery of liquid fuel or lubricant or of any mixture thereof and in respect of the total quantity delivered by a complete cycle of operation of the instrument.”;

(b) in Regulation 34 there were substituted for paragraph (1)(b) the following:—

“(b) fails upon testing to fall within the limits of error set out in Table 2 in the Schedule hereto”; and

(c) there were added as the Schedule thereto the Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of January 1969.

(L.S.)

W. L. Robinson,
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SCHEDULE

TABLE 1

(Prescribed limits of error ordinarily applicable upon testing with a view to passing as fit for use for trade)

Column 1 Quantity delivered	Column 2 Error in excess only	Column 3 Error in excess only
$\frac{1}{2}$ pint	$\frac{3}{8}$ fluid ounce	$\frac{3}{8}$ fluid ounce
Pint	$\frac{1}{2}$ fluid ounce	$\frac{1}{2}$ fluid ounce
Quart	1 fluid ounce	1 fluid ounce
$\frac{1}{2}$ gallon or 1 gallon	$1\frac{3}{8}$ fluid ounce	1 fluid ounce
Exceeding 1 gallon	at the rate of 1 fluid ounce per gallon	at the rate of 1 fluid ounce per gallon

(The limits in column 2 are those applicable to certain adjustable price computing instruments mentioned in Regulation 30(1)(a).)

TABLE 2

(Prescribed limits of error upon retesting following an adjustment or alteration of a price computing mechanism and limits of error in relation to the obliteration of stamps)

Quantity delivered	Error in excess	Error in deficiency
$\frac{1}{2}$ pint	$\frac{3}{4}$ fluid ounce	$\frac{8}{16}$ fluid ounce
Pint	1 fluid ounce	$\frac{1}{4}$ fluid ounce
Quart, $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon or gallon	2 fluid ounces	$\frac{1}{2}$ fluid ounce
Exceeding 1 gallon	at the rate of 2 fluid ounces per gallon	at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ fluid ounce per gallon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

The only change of substance relates to instruments which measure deliveries in imperial units but which are designed to be converted to measure deliveries in metric units. The permissible margin of error normally applicable in relation to the testing of such instruments with a view to their being passed as fit for trade use is increased, in the case of deliveries of half a gallon or one gallon from one fluid ounce in excess to one and three eighths fluid ounces in excess.