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The Measuring Equipment (Measures of Length) Regulations 1986

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THE MEASURING EQUIPMENT (MEASURES OF LENGTH) REGULATIONS 1986

PART I

GENERAL

1. Citation, commencement and revocation
2. Interpretation
3. Application

PART II

MATERIALS AND PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION AND MARKING OF MEASURES OF LENGTH

4. Subject to Regulation 5 below, every measure of length shall...
5. Every measure of length shall be sufficiently strong and resistant...
6. Where an end measure or composite measure is made of...
7. The terminal surfaces of end measures and of composite measures...
8. Every rigid measure of length, including folding measures, shall be...
9. Every flexible measure of length shall be constructed so that...
10. Winding devices for flexible measures of length shall be constructed...
11. Where a measure of length is marked with a reference...
12. Where a measure of length is marked with a tractive...
13. (1) Every measure of length which is graduated shall be...
14. Where the scale marks on a measure of length are...
15. The numbering of graduated measures of length shall be—
16. Where a graduated measure of length is a folding measure,...
17. Every measure of length shall be conspicuously, legibly and durably...

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18. Every measure of length which is not graduated or subdivided...
19. (1) Every measure of length may be marked (in the...

PART III

MANNER OF USE FOR TRADE

20. No person shall use a measure of length for trade...

PART IV

TESTING

21. Every measure of length submitted for testing shall be in...
22. Every measure of length shall be tested by comparison with...
23. The inspector shall test the nominal length and, in the...

PART V

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Prescribed limits of error

24. The prescribed limits of error relating to measures of length...

Passing as fit for use for trade

25. No measure of length shall be passed as fit for...

Stamping

26. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) below, measures of...

Obliteration of stamps

27. The stamp shall be obliterated on any measure of length...
28. (1) An inspector shall obliterate the stamp on any measure...
Signature

SCHEDULE — REVOCATIONS

Explanatory Note

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- reg. 17A words omitted by [S.I. 2009/3045 reg. 3\(2\)\(d\)](#)
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- reg. 23B(2)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1387 Sch. para. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
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