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Measurement Standards Act 1992

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An Act to provide for uniform units of measurement of physical quantities and for standards of measurement of physical quantities

1 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Measurement Standards Act 1992.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on 1 July 1992.

Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Minister means, subject to any enactment, the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of any warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act

New Zealand standard of measurement, in relation to any physical quantity, means such standard of measurement of that quantity as may for the time being be prescribed by any Act, Proclamation, or regulations as the standard of measurement of that quantity for New Zealand

physical quantity means any physical quantity whatsoever, and includes units of length, volume, mass, time, heat, light, and electricity

principal standard measure, in relation to any New Zealand standard of measurement, means the principal standard measure in New Zealand for that standard of measurement

standard measure, in relation to any standard of measurement, means a physical representation or means of representation of that standard of measurement

verifying authority, in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard of measurement, means a person who is a verifying authority in respect of that standard of measurement by virtue of an appointment made by, or by authority of, the Minister.

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 2

3 Act to bind the Crown

This Act binds the Crown.

4 Minister to provide for uniform units of measurement and standards of measurement

The Minister shall provide for the use throughout New Zealand of uniform units of measurement of physical quantities, and for the establishment and maintenance of standards of measurement of physical quantities.

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 10

5 Regulations

- (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:
 - (a) prescribing methods of comparison and certification of copies of principal standard measures and of standard measures derived from principal standard measures:
 - (b) prescribing the nature, form, and derivation of New Zealand standards of measurement:

- (c) providing for the appointment of a verifying authority in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard or standards of measurement (including the comparison of principal standard measures with corresponding standard measures outside New Zealand), and defining the functions and powers of any such verifying authority:
 - (d) authorising any such verifying authority to delegate all or any of the powers of that authority:
 - (e) providing for such matters as are contemplated by or necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration thereof.
- (2) The National Standards Regulations 1976 (SR 1976/239) are hereby deemed to have been made under this section, and may be amended or revoked accordingly.
- (3) Regulations under this section are secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 15

Legislation Act 2019 requirements for secondary legislation made under this section

Publication	PCO must publish it on the legislation website and notify it in the <i>Gazette</i>	LA19 s 69(1)(c)
Presentation	The Minister must present it to the House of Representatives	LA19 s 114, Sch 1 cl 32(1)(a)
Disallowance	It may be disallowed by the House of Representatives	LA19 ss 115, 116

This note is not part of the Act.

Section 5(3): inserted, on 28 October 2021, by section 3 of the Secondary Legislation Act 2021 (2021 No 7).

6 Amendments to Weights and Measures Act 1987

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Notes**1 General**

This is a consolidation of the Measurement Standards Act 1992 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Secondary Legislation Act 2021 (2021 No 7): section 3