

(c.) Be of a capacity exceeding 30 lb., unless with the approval of the Minister.

25. Nothing in paragraphs (c) and (d) of clause 23 or in clause 24 shall apply to self-indicating counter machines approved by the Minister for a specified trade or purpose.

MEASURING-INSTRUMENTS.

26. (1.) Subject to clause 4, no measuring-instrument shall be stamped unless provided with a denominated measure in which it is evident and visible to the purchaser that the proper quantity has been delivered, or is of a pattern approved by the London Board of Trade for trade use in England, and of material and construction identical with such approved pattern.

(2.) The accuracy of a measuring-instrument to which measures cannot be directly applied may be tested by the Inspector by comparing the output thereof with authorized copies of standard measures.

(3.) A measuring-instrument that is false or unjust or imperfect shall not be used. Every person who uses or has in his possession for trade any measuring-instrument contrary to the provisions of this clause shall be liable on conviction to a fine of £5.

TESTING OF WEIGHBRIDGES.

27. The accuracy of any weighbridge or other weighing-machine that is not easily movable may be tested by the Inspector by comparison with authorized copies or other weights which the Inspector is satisfied are correct, or with such authorized copies or weights and makeweight correctly used in conjunction therewith; and in the case of automatic weighing-machines to which weights cannot be directly applied, by weighing the output thereof.

28. The owner or person having control of any such weighbridge or weighing-machine shall at his own expense, if required by an Inspector,—

- (a.) Convey from and return to the Inspector's office such authorized copies as the Inspector deems necessary;
- (b.) Provide such other weights or makeweight as the Inspector deems necessary;
- (c.) Provide sufficient labour for the proper and expeditious handling of such authorized copies or weights and any makeweight.

GENERAL AS TO WEIGHTS, MEASURES, WEIGHING-MACHINES, ETC.

29. These regulations shall apply only to weights, measures, weighing-machines, and measuring-instruments used for trade.

30. (1.) All weighing-machines (except spring balances) and all measuring-instruments and weights and measures shall be subject to reverification at the hereinafter prescribed fees at intervals not exceeding twelve months.

(2.) All spring balances shall be subject to reverification at the hereinafter prescribed fees at intervals not exceeding six months:

Provided that this regulation shall apply only to places within ten miles of the office of an Inspector situated in the following towns, and to such other places as may be prescribed by the Minister, of which notice shall be given by the Inspector: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, Masterton, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Nelson, Greymouth, Timaru, Oamaru, and Invercargill.

SCALE OF FEES FOR COMPARING, VERIFYING, ADJUSTING, OR STAMPING WEIGHTS, MEASURES, WEIGHING-MACHINES, AND MEASURING-INSTRUMENTS.

31. The fees prescribed in the First Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the comparing, verifying, adjusting, or stamping of weights and measures and weighing-machines and measuring-instruments by Inspectors, and for the reverification as provided in clause 30 hereof of such weights, measures, weighing-machines, and measuring-instruments.

SALE OF FIREWOOD, COKE, AND COAL.

32. No person shall—

- (a.) Sell firewood, coke, or coal by description which is false as to the sort of firewood, coke, or coal; or
- (b.) Sell or deliver wet coke or coal with intent to defraud the purchaser as to the weight of coke or coal sold or delivered; or