

PART II.—VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

OBLITERATION.

1. The Inspector on inspection may obliterate the stamp on any weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument, if such weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument does not comply with these regulations.
2. A weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument the stamp upon which has been obliterated shall be deemed to be unstamped.

NOVEL APPLIANCES.

3. A weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument presenting any novel features shall not be stamped unless of a type approved by the Chief Inspector.
4. Any person desiring approval of a weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument presenting novel features shall—
 - (a.) Submit a sample weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument for examination, and such specifications and drawings as the Chief Inspector may require :
 - (b.) If it is represented that a weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument identical in type, material, and design has been approved by the Board of Trade, for use for trade in Great Britain, produce proof to that effect :
 - (c.) Pay an examination fee of £2 2s.
5. The Chief Inspector may approve and issue a certificate that any weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument the type, material, and design of which in his opinion comply with the requirements of the regulations, is suitable for use for trade and would not facilitate fraud.
6. Such certificate may be general, or may limit the trade or purpose for which a weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument of such type, material, and design may be used, and may prescribe such conditions as the Chief Inspector thinks fit.
7. Where a weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument has been limited by the Chief Inspector in its use for any particular trade or purpose, it shall be an offence to use such weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument for any other trade or purpose.
8. When a certificate has prescribed any such conditions as aforesaid, the failure to comply with any such condition shall be an offence on the part of any person to whom such condition applies.

GENERAL.

9. All weights, measures, weighing or measuring instruments shall be of a denomination allowed by the Act, and shall have the denomination or capacity marked thereon, and if not marked in full the denomination or capacity shall be indicated only by one of the abbreviations set out in Table 1.
10. Any weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument that has been tested and approved by the Inspector shall, unless the Inspector deems it impracticable, have impressed thereon a stamp of verification, together with any other distinguishing mark approved by the Chief Inspector.
11. No new instrument, other than Class A beam-scales, shall be stamped unless provided by the manufacturer with a plug or stud of soft metal on which to place the Inspector's stamp, such plug or stud being made irremovable by undercutting or in some other suitable manner.
12. All weights, measures, weighing and measuring instruments shall—
 - (a.) Be of such type and material as will not, in the Inspector's opinion, in use for trade, facilitate fraud :
 - (b.) Be, in the opinion of the Inspector, sufficiently strong to withstand the wear-and-tear of ordinary use in trade, and be complete :
 - (c.) Bear no manufacturer's or other mark which may be mistaken for a verification stamp :
 - (d.) Comply in every respect with these regulations :

Provided that when a weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument which is in use for trade at the date of the commencement of these regulations does not comply with the regulations in some minor respect only, an Inspector may at his discretion stamp such weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument ; but no such weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument shall be restamped after the expiration of two years from the date of these regulations, unless a special period is otherwise provided in these regulations, or unless it has been made to conform to the requirements hereof.
13. An Inspector may require the person presenting a weighing or measuring instrument for verification to take such instrument sufficiently apart to enable an inspection of all working-parts to be made, and until such request is complied with may refuse to verify such instrument, or may, with the consent of such person, take such instrument apart without liability for damage resulting thereto.
14. When a weighing or measuring instrument is situated in a position exposed to wind or other disturbing influence, or put to a use the nature of which is likely seriously to affect its accuracy, an Inspector may refuse to stamp such instrument until it is suitably enclosed or protected, or such other steps have been taken as he deems necessary to maintain its accuracy.

WEIGHTS.

15. Avoirdupois weights shall be made entirely of iron, brass, gun-metal, or other approved hard metal or alloy of high density, and shall be flat-circular, bar, bell-shape, or ring weights, except that weights of 50 lb., 20 lb., 10 lb., and 5 lb. shall be flat octagonal shape.