

Miscellaneous Weighing and Measuring Instruments.

87. A weighing or measuring instrument of any type not definitely particularized in these regulations shall comply so far as practicable with the regulations relating to the type to which it most closely approximates, having regard to its construction and the purposes for which it is commonly used.

Petrol-measuring Instruments.

88. No fixed petrol-measuring instrument shall be used for trade unless provided with a denominated measure in which it is evident and visible to the purchaser that the proper quantity has been delivered:

Provided that the above regulation shall not apply to any petrol-measuring instrument in use for trade at the date of the commencement of the regulations for a period of five years.

89. Fixed petrol-measuring instruments shall—

- (a.) Be firmly set on a solid foundation, and the instrument as a whole shall be stable and rigid:
- (b.) Have the highest graduation line not more than 9 ft. above the floor, footpath, or roadway on which such instrument is set:
- (c.) Be equipped with an automatic vacuum breaker or equivalent means to ensure the complete and rapid drainage of the hose:
- (d.) Have any delivery-hose of a type approved by the Chief Inspector and not exceeding 12 ft. 6 in. in length including the nozzle:
- (e.) Where electric light is available, be fitted with such light in such a manner as fully to illuminate the instrument.

90. A petrol-measuring instrument shall not—

- (a.) Show any leakage or seepage at any joint, valve, tap, hose connection, or elsewhere:
- (b.) Be fitted with a hose which shows excessive absorption, or is of such construction or so fixed as to cause a prolonged dribble, or which has any tap or cock by which petrol may be retained.

91. On inspection the amount of liquid delivered shall be tested against stamped measures provided by the owner for the use of the Inspector; in the event of an owner failing to provide a set of stamped measures, including at least one quart and one gallon measure, he shall be liable for all the expenses incurred by the Inspector in making a second visit should the same be rendered necessary.

92. All petrol-measuring instruments shall have a seal provided on which the verification stamp shall be impressed; the seal shall be fixed in such a manner that any alteration to the adjusting mechanism cannot be made without breaking the seal.

93. A petrol-measuring instrument shall be correct within the tolerance specified in Table 7 for cylindrical liquid measures corresponding to each graduation.

Fabric-measuring Instruments.

94. A fabric-measuring instrument shall be correct within the tolerance specified in Table 15.

Leather-measuring Instruments.

95. A leather-measuring instrument shall be correct within the tolerance specified in Table 16.

Milk and Cream Bottles.

96. Bottles used for the sale of milk or cream shall be made only in sizes of 1 quart, 1½ pints, 1 pint, 2 gills, 1 gill, and ½ gill.

97. Each bottle shall have its capacity clearly and indelibly marked in or on the side of the bottle in letters or figures not less than ¼ in. in depth.

98. Glass bottles shall hold the correct quantity when filled to within ⅛ in. of the cap seat or stopple. This shall not apply when the bottles are provided with a clearly defined and indelible line marked in or on the bottle and extending at least half-way round it, which indicates the correct capacity, and with the words "Fill to line" marked over the line in or on the bottle.

99. The errors permissible on verification shall not be greater than those specified in Table 7.

PERIODICAL VERIFICATION.

100. All weighing and measuring instruments and weights and measures, other than glass measures and bottles used for the sale of milk or cream, shall be subject to verification at the hereinafter-prescribed fees at intervals not exceeding twelve months.

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 Minister by advertisement in such newspapers in the locality as he thinks fit: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, Masterton, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Nelson, Greymouth, Timaru, Oamaru, and Invercargill: Provided that outside the above radii the owner shall submit any weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument for verification at any time as may be required by the Inspector if any such weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument has not already been verified within twelve months.