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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping)
Fees Rules, 1996.**

*(Under Section 18, 22(d) and 22(g) of the Weights and
Measures Act).*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by Section 18, 22(d) and 22(g) of the Weights and Measures Act, these Rules are hereby made this 14th day of March, 1996. Cap. 101.

1. (1) The fees to be charged by an Inspector in respect of, Fees.

(a) the testing or stamping of a weighing or measuring instrument;

(b) adjusting, balancing, and other services relating to any weight, measure, or weighing instrument

[shall be those set out in the first, second and third schedules to these Rules].

(2) Where a weighing instrument of a capacity below 25kg is graduated in both the metric and the imperial systems or where such instrument is of a non-trade type, there shall be paid a fee which is twice the fee specified in sub-rule (1) of this Rule.

(3) Where two or more weigh-tables or platforms are connected to one indicating mechanism, separate fees shall be paid in respect of each weigh-table or platform in accordance with their respective capacities.

(4) Where a weighing or measuring instrument is fitted with a price computing mechanism there shall be paid an additional fee equivalent to half the testing fee for the testing of the computing mechanism.

(5) Where a weighing instrument is graduated to weigh and compute the capacity measurement, there shall be paid an additional fee equivalent to half the testing fee for the testing of such computing mechanism.

(6) Where a person neglects to renew the stamp of verification within three months from the date of the expiry of the stamp, such person shall pay a surcharge fee equivalent to the testing fee of the type of equipment multiplied by the number of years or part thereof since it was last stamped; or if the stamp is defaced the Inspector will use his discretion to determine the surcharge fee unless the person in charge of the equipment can prove otherwise by producing acceptable supporting documents.

(7) The Executive Director may set up a fee payable by a person submitting a weighing or measuring equipment for verification to cover the labour, storage, and attendance involved in the exercise.

(8) Where a weighing or measuring equipment remains unclaimed for a period of three months from the date of its submission or seizure, such equipment may be disposed of by public auction to recover the fees involved.

(9) Where a weighing or measuring equipment incorporates a ticket printing mechanism, an additional fee equivalent to half the testing fee shall be charged for testing the printing mechanism.

2. Where a person invites an Inspector to a place which is not the Inspector's office or which is not a stamping station set up by the Executive Director for the purposes of verifying, stamping or adjusting weights, measures, weighing or measuring instruments, such person shall, in addition to the other fees payable under these Rules, pay to the Inspector the fees set out in Schedule 4 to these Rules.

Additional
fees.

3. (1) The fees payable under the provisions of these Rules shall be paid on demand to the Inspector who performs the service in respect of which the fee is charged.

Fees
payable to
an
Inspector.

(2) When the Inspector receives the fees referred to in sub-rule (1) of this rule, he shall pay such fee to the bank account in accordance with the instructions issued by the Executive Director.

4. Where a weighing or measuring equipment has been stamped under the provisions of these rules, but the person responsible for the equipment fails to pay the fees required under these rules, the Inspector shall—

Failure to
pay fees.

(a) seize and detain the equipment or part thereof until such time as the fees are paid; or

(b) in the case of equipment which cannot be easily seized and detained, apply a preventive seal to the equipment in such a manner as to prevent further use of the equipment until payment is made:

Provided that this rule shall not apply to a person to whom credit facilities have been granted in writing by the Inspector who has performed the work.

5. A preventive seal applied under rule 4 (c) of these rules shall consist of a wire tying an operative part of the equipment against a fixed part thereof, and soft metal upon which the Inspector's mark shall be impressed.

Preventive
seal.

Breaking of seal.

6. A preventive seal applied under these rules shall be broken only by an Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Penalty.

7. A person who contravenes the provisions of rule 6 or uses or has in his possession or control for use for trade any weighing or measuring equipment on which a preventive seal was applied and broken contrary to rule 6 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand shillings or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Recovering of previous fees.

8. Where a preventive seal has been applied under rule 4 (b) of these rules the person responsible for the equipment shall still remain liable for the payment of the appropriate fees which were demanded of him together with the relevant fees or charges in respect of the restamping or the removal of the preventive seal.

Period of validity of stamp.

9. A stamp of verification which is applied on an instrument under the provisions of section 15 of the Act shall remain in force—

(a) in respect of a weighing or measuring instrument used for weighing or measuring goods in a factory for trade purposes for a period not exceeding six months; and

(b) in respect of a weighing or measuring instrument used for weighing or measuring goods in other trades, for a period not exceeding twelve months.

Interpretation.

10. Unless the context otherwise requires,

“Capacity” when used in respect to a weighing instrument, includes the weight marked on the taring device where this has been fitted.

“Act” means the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. 101 as amended by the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act No. 9 of 1969.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS).

Any other word or words used in these rules will have the same meaning assigned to them in the Act.

11. The Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 1985 and the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) (Amendment) Rules 1987 are hereby revoked.

Revocation
of S.I. No.
28 of 1985
& S.I. No.
57 of 1987

12. These Rules shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th of May, 1996.

Commence-
ment.

13. These Rules may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 1996.

Citation.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE—(Rule 1)

TESTING FEES

| | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. WEIGHT: | |
| For each weight not exceeding 2kg | 100 |
| For each weight exceeding 2kg and not exceeding 20kg | 200 |
| For each weight exceeding 20kg and not exceeding 100kg | 500 |
| For each weight exceeding 100kg | 1,000 |
| 2. MEASURES OF LENGTH: | |
| For each measure not exceeding one metre | 200 |
| For each measure exceeding one metre and not exceeding 5 metres | 500 |
| For each measure exceeding 5m and not exceeding 30m | 1,000 |
| For each measure exceeding 30m | 2,000 |

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| 3. | MEASURES OF CAPACITY: | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
| | For each measure not exceeding 500ml | 300 |
| | For each measure exceeding 500ml and not exceeding 5 litres | 500 |
| | For each measure exceeding 5 litres and not exceeding 20 litres | 1,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 20 litres and not exceeding 100 litres | 2,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 100 litres and not exceeding 500 litres | 3,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 500 litres, every 500 litres will be charged at a rate of | 3,000 |
| | Calibration of dip stick | 4,000 |
| 4. | WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS | |
| | A. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES | |
| | For each weighing unit not exceeding 2kg | 3,000 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 10kg | 5,000 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 100kg | 10,000 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 100kg | 20,000 |
| | B. ALL OTHER TYPES OF WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS | |
| | For each machine not exceeding 25kg | 1,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 25kg but not exceeding 100kg | 2,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 300kg | 3,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 300kg but not exceeding 600kg | 4,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 600kg but not exceeding 1,000kg | 5,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 1,000kg but not exceeding 5,000kg | 10,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 5,000kg but not exceeding 20,000kg | 20,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 20,000kg, every 10,000kg or part thereof will be charged at a rate of | 10,000 |
| 5. | EGG-GRADING MACHINES | |
| | For each egg spring balance | 1,500 |
| | For each egg-grading machine, every separate grade will be charged at a rate of | 3,000 |
| | (or each weighing lever will be charged) | 300 |
| 6. | LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENTS: | |
| | For each fuel flow-meter type | 5,000 |
| | For each lubricating oil flow-meter type | 2,500 |
| | For each Bulk flow-meter type | 15,000 |
| | Others (e.g. single or twin container, petrol-oil mixer) | 3,000 |

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| 7. | VOLUMETRIC FILLERS: | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
| | Bottle or packet fillers (each filling unit) (e.g. soda, beer or powdered soap fillers) | 500 |
| | Other fillers (20 consecutive test fills per machine) (e.g. milk fillers into polythene packets) | 10,000 |
| 8. | ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS | |
| 9. | PATTERN TESTING: | |
| | The fee payable for small simple equipment shall not be less than | 10,000 |
| | and the fee for big complex equipment shall not exceed | 100,000 |
| | The fee will be determined by the panel approving the pattern, depending upon the size and simplicity or complexity of the equipment. | |

SECOND SCHEDULE—(Rule 1)

STAMPING FEES

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| 1. | WEIGHTS: | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
| | For each weight not exceeding 2kg | 100 |
| | For each weight exceeding 2kg and not exceeding 20kg | 200 |
| | For each weight exceeding 20kg and not exceeding 100kg | 500 |
| | For each weight exceeding 100kg | 1,000 |
| 2. | MEASURES OF LENGTH: | |
| | For each measure not exceeding one metre | 200 |
| | For each measure exceeding one metre and not exceeding 5 metres | 500 |
| | For each measure exceeding 5 metres and not exceeding 30 metres | 1,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 30 metres | 2,000 |
| 3. | MEASURES OF CAPACITY: | |
| | For each measure not exceeding 500ml | 200 |
| | For each measure exceeding 500ml and not exceeding 5 litres | 500 |
| | For each measure exceeding 5 litres and not exceeding 20 litres | 1,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 20 litres and not exceeding 100 litres | 2,000 |
| | For each measure exceeding 100 litres | 3,000 |
| | For each dipstick measure | 1,000 |

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| 4. | WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS: | |
| | A. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES: | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
| | For each weighing unit not exceeding 2kg | 500 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 10kg | 1,000 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 100kg | 1,500 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 500kg | 2,000 |
| | For each weighing unit exceeding 500kg | 3,000 |
| | B. ALL OTHER TYPES OF WEIGHING MACHINES: | |
| | For each machine not exceeding 25kg | 1,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 25kg but not exceeding 100kg | 1,500 |
| | For each machine exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 300kg | 2,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 600kg but not exceeding 1,000kg | 3,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 1,000kg but not exceeding 5,000kg | 3,500 |
| | For each machine exceeding 5,000kg but not exceeding 20,000kg | 4,000 |
| | For each machine exceeding 20,000kg | 5,000 |
| 5. | EGG-GRADING MACHINE: | |
| | For each egg spring balance | 500 |
| | For each small egg-grading machine | 1,000 |
| | For each medium egg-grading machine | 2,000 |
| | For each big egg-grading machine | 3,000 |
| 6. | LIQUID, FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENTS: | |
| | For each fuel flow-meter type | 3,000 |
| | For each lubricating oil flow-meter type | 2,000 |
| | For each bulk flow-meter type | 5,000 |
| | Others | 2,000 |
| 7. | VOLUMETRIC FILLERS: | |
| | Bottle or packet filling machine (e.g. soda, beer or powdered soap fillers) | 3,000 |
| | Other fillers (e.g. milk fillers into polythene packets) | 2,000 |
| 8. | ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS | |

THIRD SCHEDULE—Rule 1

ADJUSTING, BALANCING AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES

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| A. WEIGHTS: | <i>Ug. Shs.</i> |
| For each weight not exceeding 2kg | 100 |
| For each weight exceeding 2kg and not exceeding 20kg | 200 |
| For each weight exceeding 20kg and not exceeding 100kg | 500 |
| For each weight exceeding 100kg | 1,000 |
| B. MEASURES OF CAPACITY: | |
| For each measure not exceeding 500ml | 200 |
| For each measure exceeding 500ml and not exceeding 100 litres | 500 |
| For each measure exceeding 100 litres | 1,000 |
| For affixing a stamping stud | 500 |
| C. WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS: | |
| For balancing each instrument | 200 |
| For adjusting each loose counterpoise | 200 |
| For adjusting a light duty travelling poise | 200 |
| For adjusting a heavy duty travelling poise | 500 |
| For fitting one small stamping plug | 200 |
| For fitting one large stamping plug | 500 |
| For any other simple adjustment, a fee not exceeding | 2,500 |
| D. HIRING: | |
| For hiring an Inspector's roller weights (daily rate per weight) | 5,000 |
| For hiring out an Inspector's other weights (daily rate per weight) | 500 |
| E. MATERIAL USED: | |
| For the cost of materials used, | an appropriate fee determined at the discretion of the Executive Director based on the open market of the material. |

FOURTH SCHEDULE—(Rule 2)

TRANSPORT FEE

The transport fee, where applicable, shall be the Government hiring rates or open market transport rates that may be in existence at the time of the performance of the work, covering the total travelling distance which such attendance necessitates:

Provided that where an Inspector or Examiner is delayed in the performance of his duties to the negligence of the mechanic or the person in charge of the instrument, that mechanic or person, as the case may be, shall be liable to pay an appropriate fee determined at the discretion of an Inspector or Examiner.

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