



WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT B.E. 2542 (1999)

H.M. KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ
Given on the 7th day of April B.E. 2542 (1999),
being the 54th year of the present reign.

BY ROYAL COMMAND OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL,
ADULYADEJ, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT;

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to improve the law on weights and measures, which has some provisions concerning the restriction of personal rights and freedom in life and body, the restriction of freedom in dwelling place, the restriction of private rights in property, and the restriction of freedom to engage in any enterprise or occupation, free and fair competition as allowed by Sections 29, 31, 35, 48 and 50 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand to be provided in accordance with the provisions of the law.

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the national legislature as follows:

PRELIMINARY

Section 1 This Act shall be called the "Weights and Measures Act B.E. 2542".

Section 2 This Act shall come into force upon the expiration of one hundred and eighty days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3 The following shall be repealed:
(1.) Weights and Measures Act B.E. 2466;
(2.) Weights and Measures Act as revised in B.E. 2476;

- (3.) Weights and Measures Act B.E.2466 as revised in B.E. 2477;
- (4.) The Announcement of the Notional Executive Council No. 171 dated June 30, B.E. 2515;
- (5.) Weights and Measures Act (No.4) B.E. 2526.

Section 4 In this Act;

“Weights and Measures” means a unit fixed to determine the quantity or any comparison of a quantity;

“Weighing and Measuring Instrument” means a weighing instrument, Krueng Tuang (volume-measuring instrument) and measuring instrument;

“Weighing Instrument” means an instrument used for weighing to determine weights, and shall include a weight for weighing and the components of weighing instruments prescribed in the Ministerial Notifications;

“Krueng Tuang” (volume-measuring instrument) means an instrument which serves as a container to determine the volume of an article, and shall include the components of volume-measuring instruments prescribed in the Ministerial Notifications;

“Measuring Instrument” means an instrument used for measuring to determine quantities or units of any article which is not a weighing instrument or a Krueng Tuang, and shall include the component of measuring instruments prescribed in the Ministerial Notifications;

“Providing Weighing or Measuring Services” means the carrying on of the business of weighing or measuring of commodities of other persons for the purpose of purchasing or exchanging of commodities in the manner prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations;

“Packaged Commodity” means a commodity enclosed in a container or wrapped with the intent to be purchased, sold or distributed in the quantity as packed or wrapped, whether or not it is purchased, sold or distributed together with its container or wrapper;

“Packer” means the manufacturer of a packaged commodity, and also means the importer or repacker of a packaged commodity but does not include the seller or distributor of a packaged commodity by ways of dividing its contents with the intention that it is not to be regarded as a packaged commodity;

“Central Bureau” means the Central Bureau of Weights and Measures;

“Branch Bureau” means a branch office of the Central Bureau;

“Competent officer” means a civil service officer appointed by the Minister to

carry out the provisions of this Act;

“Weights and Measures Inspector” means a civil service officer appointed by the Minister to carry out the provisions of this Act;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of the Department of Commercial Registration;

“Minister” means a Minister in charge of the execution of the Act.

Section 5 The Minister of Commerce shall be in charge of the execution of this Act and shall have power to appoint Competent Officers and Weights and Measures Inspectors, and to issue Ministerial Regulations prescribing fees not exceeding those prescribed in the annex to this Act and other matters, and to issue Ministerial Notifications pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Such Ministerial Regulations and Notifications shall take effect upon publication in the Government Gazette.