

## CHAPTER 3

### Weighing and Measuring Instruments

**Section 16** The Minister shall prescribe the types and characteristics of Weighing and Measuring Instruments and details of materials of their construction in the Ministerial Regulations.

**Section 17** Any person desirous of carrying on the business of manufacturing, importing, selling or repairing Weighing or Measuring Instruments or Providing Weighing or Measuring Services shall comply with the requirements prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations, and shall notify the Competent Officer of the Central Bureau or the Branch Bureau using the form prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations.

On receipt of the notification under the first paragraph and after it has been inspected that it is in compliance with the requirements prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations, the Competent Officer shall issue a licence to carry on the business in the form proscribed by the Ministerial Regulations to the applicant within seven days from the date of receipt of the notification.

In cases where the notification is not in compliance with the requirements, the Competent Officer shall instruct that the notification be amended within seven days from the date of receipt of the instruction, the Competent Officer may issue an order that notification filed under the first paragraph becomes terminated.

In cases where applicant has amended the notification within the prescribed period under the third paragraph, the Competent Officer shall issue a licence to carry on the business to the applicant within three days from the date of receipt of such amendment.

The Licence-holder to carry on the business shall pay fees as prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations.

**Section 18** In cases where the licence to carry on the business is lost or damaged, the Licence-holder shall apply for a substitute of the licence within fifteen days from the date when the loss or damage is known to him.

**Section 19** The Licence-holder shall display the licence to carry on the business or its substitute in an open and clearly visible place of manufacturing, importing, selling, repairing of Weighing and Measuring Instrument or Providing Weighing and Measuring Services, as the case may be, except during the period when a substitute of the licence is applied for under Section 18.

**Section 20** In cases where an order is made by the Competent Officer under the third paragraph of Section 17, if the applicant is dissatisfied with such order, he may file an appeal in writing to the Minister within thirty days from the date of receipt of the said order.

The Minister shall give his decision on the appeal within thirty days from the date of receipt of such appeal and shall, in writing, notify the applicant of the decision.

The decision of the Minister shall be final.

**Section 21** The Licence-holder shall strictly comply with the requirements prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations.

**Section 22** The Licence-holder of the business of Providing Weighing or Measuring Services shall issue a certificate showing the weight, volume, or measure values of the commodity to the recipient for every service provided. The certificate shall be signed by the operator of the Weighing or Measuring Instruments, and indicated the date, time and place of such weighing or measuring.

**Section 23** The Director-General shall have the power to issue Notifications prescribing the practices to be followed by the Licence-holder of the business of Providing Weighing and Measuring Services in maintaining the Weighing and Measuring Instruments and in providing the services.

In cases where any of the prescribed practices under the first paragraph is not complied with, the Director-General or the person assigned by him shall issue an order in writing correction or compliance within the prescribed period.

**Section 24** The Licence-holder of the business of selling Weighing and Measuring Instruments shall not sell or distribute any Weighing and Measuring Instrument not verified under Section 30 or the verification has expired under Section 33, except the Weighing and Measuring Instruments exempted by the Ministerial Notifications under the second paragraph of Section 29.

**Section 25** In selling purchasing or exchanging commodities with others, Providing Weighing and Measuring Services, or using Weighing and Measuring Instruments for the purpose of calculating remuneration, taxes and revenues, and fees, no person shall use any Weighing and Measuring Instrument without the verification under Section 30 or with the verification expired under Section 33, whether or not it is a weighing and measuring instrument exempted by the Ministerial Notifications under the second paragraph of Section 29.

The Minister shall have the power to issue Notifications prescribing the practices to be followed by the users of Weighing and Measuring Instruments.

**Section 26** The accuracy conditions of Weighing and Measuring Instruments used in the business under Section 25 shall be within the tolerances prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations.

**Section 27** In Cases where a Weighing and Measuring Instrument of the permanently fixed type prescribed in the Ministerial Regulations is relocated and such instrument has been verified, the person who has the instrument in his possession shall, in writing, inform the Central Bureau or Branch Bureau within fifteen days from the date when the relocation is completed to allow the competent officer to make a reverification.

**Section 28** In cases where the manufacturer, importer, seller or repairer of Weighing or Measuring Instruments, or the Provider of Weighing or Measuring Services has changed the place of manufacturing, importing, selling of Weighing and Measuring Instruments or the place where the services are provided, or has more than one of such places, he shall inform about the change or the places or offices where the business is operated.

In cases where the manufacturer, importer, seller or repairer of Weighing or Measuring Instruments, or the Provider of Weighing or Measuring Services has places to keep Weighing and Measuring Instruments other than the place of manufacturing, importing, selling or repairing Weighing and Measuring Instruments or the place where the services are provided, he shall inform about all such places.