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**THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (TESTING AND
STAMPING) FEES RULES, 2005**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 16.

The Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 2005.

(Under sections 18, 22(d) and 22(h) of the Weights and Measures Act Cap 103).

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 18, 22(d) and 22(h) of the Weights and Measures Act, these Rules are made this 28th day of February, 2005.

1. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 2005.

Title and
commence-
ment

(2) These Rules shall be deemed to have come into force on 7th March 2005.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

Inter-
pretation

“Act” means the Weights and Measures Act;

Cap 103.

“capacity” when used in respect to weighing equipment, includes the weight marked on the taring device where one has been fitted;

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards appointed under the Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act.

3. (1) The fees to be charged by an Inspector in respect of—

Fees

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

(b) adjusting, balancing and other services relating to any weight, measure of capacity, or weighing equipment, shall be those set out in the First, Second and Third Schedules to these Rules.

(2) Where weighing equipment of a capacity below 25kg is graduated in both the metric and the imperial systems or where the equipment is of a non-trade type, a fee that is twice the fee specified in subrule (1) shall be paid.

(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 weighing or measuring equipment is fitted with a price computing mechanism, an additional fee equivalent to half the testing fee for the testing of the computing mechanism shall be paid.

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

(6) Where 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.

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

(8) A person who neglects to renew the stamp of verification within three months after the date of the expiry of the period of validity of the stamps shall—

(a) pay a surcharge equivalent to the testing fee of the type of equipment, multiplied by the number of years or part of a year since the equipment was last stamped; and

(b) where the stamp is defaced, the Inspector may, in his or her discretion, determine the surcharge, unless the person in charge of the equipment can prove otherwise by producing acceptable supporting documents.

(9) Where weighing or measuring equipment that has been submitted or seized under the Act remains unclaimed for a period of three months from the date of its submission or seizure, that equipment may be disposed of by public auction to recover the fees involved.

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

Additional
fees

5. (1) The fees payable under these Rules shall be paid 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 subrule (1), he or she shall pay the fee into a bank account in accordance with the instructions issued by the Executive Director.

6. (1) Where weighing or measuring equipment has been stamped under the provisions of these Rules, and the person responsible for the equipment fails to pay the prescribed fees, the Inspector shall—

Failure to
pay fees

(a) seize and detain the equipment or part of the equipment 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 manner as to prevent further use of the equipment until payment is made.

(2) 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.

Preventive seal

7. A preventive seal applied under rule 6(b) shall consist of a wire tying an operative part of the equipment against a fixed part of the equipment, and soft metal or plastic upon which the Inspector's mark shall be impressed.

Breaking of seal

8. A preventive seal applied under these Rules shall be broken only by an Inspector.

Penalty

9. A person who contravenes rule 6 or uses or has in his or her possession or control for use for trade, weighing or measuring equipment on which a preventive seal was applied and broken contrary to rule 8 commits an offence and is liable, on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Recovering of previous fees

10. Where a preventive seal has been applied under rule 6 (b), the person responsible for the equipment shall remain liable for the payment of the appropriate fees which were demanded of him or her, together with the relevant fees or charges in respect of the restamping of the equipment or the removal of the preventive seal.

Period of validity of stamp

11. A stamp of verification applied on an instrument under section 15 of the Act shall remain in force—

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

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

Revocation of S.I. No. 26 of 1996

12. The Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 1996 are revoked.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE

RULE 3(1)(a)

TESTING FEES

	Uganda Shs
1. WEIGHT	
For each weight not exceeding 2 kg	200
For each weight exceeding 2 kg but not exceeding 20 kg	400
For each weight exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	2,000
For each weight exceeding 100 kg	4,000
2. MEASURES OF LENGTH	
For each measure not exceeding 1 metre	500
For each measure exceeding 1 metre but not exceeding 5 metres	1,000
For each measure exceeding 5 metres but not exceeding 30 metres	1,500
For each measure exceeding 30 metres	3,000
3. MEASURES OF CAPACITY	
For each measure not exceeding 500ml	800
For each measure exceeding 500 ml but not exceeding 5 litres	1,000
For each measure exceeding 5 litres but not exceeding 20 litres	2,000
For each measure exceeding 20 litres but not exceeding 100 litres	4,000
For each measure exceeding 100 litres but not exceeding 500 litres	10,000
For each measure exceeding 500 litres, every 500 litres will be charged at a rate of	10,000
For testing of dip stick	7,500
4. WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS	
A. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES	
For each weighing unit not exceeding 2 kg	5,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 2 kg but not exceeding 10 kg	7,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	20,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 100 kg	40,000
B. NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES	
For each machine not exceeding 25 kg	2,000
For each machine exceeding 25 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	3,000
For each machine exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 300 kg	5,000

*Amended
by SI
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For each machine exceeding 300 kg but not exceeding 600 kg	6,000
For each machine exceeding 600 kg but not exceeding 1,000 kg	8,000
For each machine exceeding 1,000 kg but not exceeding 5,000 kg	15,000
For each machine exceeding 5,000 kg but not exceeding 20,000 kg	50,000
For each machine exceeding 20,000 kg, every 10,000 kg or part thereof will be charged at a rate of	25,000
For each electronic weighing instrument a fee twice that of non-automatic of a corresponding capacity shall be charged	

5. EGG GRADING MACHINES

For each egg spring balance	2,000
For each egg grading machine	5,000
Every separate grade will be charged at a rate of (of each weighing will be charged)	500

6. LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT

For each fuel flow-meter type	15,000
For each lubricating oil flow-meter type	50,000
For each bulk flow-meter type	50,000
Others (e.g. single or twin container, petrol-oil mixers)	6,000

7. VOLUMETRIC FILLERS

Bottle or packet fillers (each filling unit e.g. soda, beer or powdered soap fillers)	3,000
Other fillers (20 consecutive test fills per machine e.g. milk fillers into polythene Packets)	30,000

8. PATTERN TESTING

The fee payable for small simple equipment shall not be less than	50,000
The fee for big complex equipment shall not exceed	400,000
The fee will be determined by the panel approving the pattern, depending upon the size and simplicity or complexity of equipment.	

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 3

STAMPING FEES

	Uganda Shs
1. WEIGHT	
For each weight not exceeding 2 kg	200
For each weight exceeding 2 kg but not exceeding 20 kg	400
For each weight exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	1,000
For each weight exceeding 100 kg	2,000
2. MEASURES OF LENGTH	
For each measure not exceeding 1 metre	500
For each measure exceeding 1 metre but not exceeding 5 metres	1,000
For each measure exceeding 5 metres but not exceeding 30 metres	2,000
For each measure exceeding 30 metres	3,000
3. MEASURES OF CAPACITY	
For each measure not exceeding 500ml	500
For each measure exceeding 500 ml but not exceeding 5 litres	1,000
For each measure exceeding 5 litres but not exceeding 20 litres	2,000
For each measure exceeding 20 litres but not exceeding 100 litres	3,000
For each measure exceeding 100 litres	4,000
For each dip stick measure	2,500
4. WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS	
A. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES	
For each weighing unit not exceeding 2kg	1,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 2 kg but not exceeding 10kg	2,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 10 kg but not exceeding 100kg	3,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 100 kg but not exceeding 500kg	4,000
For each weighing unit exceeding 500kg	5,000
B. NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINES	
For each machine not exceeding 25kg	1,500
For each machine exceeding 25 kg and not exceeding 100 kg	2000
For each machine exceeding 100 kg and not exceeding 300 kg	3000
For each machine exceeding 300 kg and not exceeding 600 kg	4,000

For each machine exceeding 600 kg and not exceeding 1,000 kg	5,000
For each machine exceeding 1,000 kg and not exceeding 5,000 kg	6,000
For each machine exceeding 5,000 kg and not exceeding 20,000 kg	7,000
For each machine exceeding 20,000 kg	10,000
For each electronic weighting instrument a fee twice that of non-automatic of a corresponding capacity shall be charged	

5. EGG GRADING MACHINES

For each egg spring balance	1,000
For each small egg grading machine	2,000
For each medium egg grading machine	3,000
For each big egg grading machine	4,000

6. LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

For each fuel flow-meter type	10,000
For each lubricating oil flow-meter type	4,000
For each bulk flow-meter type	10,000
Others (e.g. single or twin container, petrol-oil mixers)	4,000

7. VOLUMETRIC FILLERS

Bottle or packet fillers machine (soda, beer or powdered soap filler)	5,000
Other fillers (e.g. fillers into polythene packets)	3,000

THIRD SCHEDULE

Rule 3

ADJUSTING, BALANCING AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES

	Uganda Shs
A. WEIGHT	
For each weight not exceeding 2 kg	200
For each weight exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 20 kg	400
For each weight exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 100 kg	1000
For each weight exceeding 100 kg	1000
B. MEASURES OF CAPACITY	
For each measure not exceeding 500ml	500
For each measure exceeding 500 ml but not exceeding 100 litres	1,000
For each measure exceeding 100 litres	1,500
For affixing a stamping stud	1,500
C. WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS	
For balancing each instrument	500
For adjusting each loose counterpoise	500
For adjusting each a light duty travelling poise	500
For adjusting each a heavy duty travelling poise	1,500
For fitting one small stamping plug	500
For fitting one large stamping plug	1,000
For any other adjusting, a fee not exceeding	3,000
D. HIRING	
For hiring an Inspector's roller weights (daily rate per weight)	10,000
For hiring out an Inspector's other weights (daily rate per weight)	1,000
E. MATERIAL USED	
For the cost of material used	An appropriate fee determined at the discretion of the Executive Director based on the prices of the materials on the open market.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Rule 4

TRANSPORT FEES

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:

Except that where an Inspector or Examiner is delayed in the performance of his duties due to 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 the Inspector or Examiner.

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