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**THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (TESTING AND STAMPING FEES)
RULES, 2017.**

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The Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping Fees) Rules, 2017.

*(Under sections 18, 22(d), 22 (h) and 43 of the Weights and
Measures Act, Cap. 103).*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 18, 22(d), 22(h) and 43 of the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. 103 these Rules are made this 20th day of May, 2017.

1. Title.

These Rules may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping Fees) Rules, 2017.

2. Commencement.

These Rules shall come into force on the 1st July, 2017.

3. Interpretation.

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

“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;

“currency point” has the value assigned to it in Schedule 1;

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Bureau appointed under section 11 of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act, Cap. 327;

“person” includes a company or association or body of persons corporate or unincorporate.

4. Fees.

(1) The fees payable in respect of—

- (a) testing of weighing and measuring equipment, are specified in Schedule 2 to these Rules;
- (b) stamping of weighing and measuring equipment, are specified in Schedule 3 to these Rules;
- (c) adjusting, balancing and related matters, are specified in Schedule 4 to these Rules;
- (d) pattern evaluation and approval of weighing and measuring equipment, are specified in Schedule 5 to these Rules; and
- (e) transport, are specified in Schedule 6 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 prescribed under sub rule (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 used 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) A person who submits weighing or measuring equipment for verification shall incur the costs related to labour, storage, attendance, materials used and any other costs incurred as a result of verification of the equipment.

(8) The costs referred to under sub rule (7) shall not exceed half of the value of the fees, specified in Schedule 2 to these Rules.

(9) A person who fails to renew the stamp of verification within three months after the date of the expiry of the period of validity of the stamp 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;
- (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.

(10) The surcharge referred to under sub rule 9(b) shall not exceed half of the value of the fees, specified in Schedule 2 to these Rules.

(11) 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, the equipment may be disposed of by public auction to recover the costs involved.

5. Additional costs.

Where a person invites an Inspector to a place for the purposes of verifying, stamping or adjusting weights, measures, weighing or measuring equipment, that person shall, in addition to any other fees payable under these Rules, pay to the Inspector the fees, specified in Schedule 6 to these Rules.

6. Mode of payment.

- (1) The fees payable under these Rules shall be paid—

- (a) to a bank account specified by the Executive Director; or
- (b) to the Inspector who performs the service in respect of which the fee is charged.

(2) Where the Inspector receives the fees referred to in sub rule (1), he or she shall pay the fee into a bank account in accordance with the instructions issued by the Executive Director.

7. Failure to pay fees.

Where a person responsible for equipment fails to pay the prescribed fees within ten working days upon receipt of an invoice, the Inspector shall—

- (a) seize and detain the equipment or part of the equipment until such time as the fees are paid;
- (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; or
- (c) in the case of prepackaged goods, hire a person to recover the fees at the expense of the defaulter.

8. Preventive seal.

A preventive seal applied under rule 7(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 or the application of a self-locking seal to the equipment shall be impressed.

9. Breaking of seal.

(1) A preventive seal applied under these Rules shall be broken only by an Inspector.

(2) Where any other seal of the Inspector is found to be broken, the user of the equipment on which the broken seal is found shall pay a surcharge of three hundred thousand shillings per broken seal.

10. Offences.

A person who—

- (a) contravenes rule 7; or
- (b) uses or has in his or her possession or control for use for trade, weighing or measuring equipment on which a preventative seal was applied and broken contrary to rule 9(1),

commits an offence and is liable, on conviction to a fine not exceeding six currency points or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or both.

11. Recovery of previous fees.

Where a preventive seal is applied, the person responsible for the equipment shall remain liable for the payment of the fees which were demanded of him or her, together with the fees or charges in respect of the restamping of the equipment or the removal of the preventive seal.

12. Revocation of S.I No. 16 of 2005 and S.I No.34 of 2007.

The following Rules are revoked—

- (a) the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees Rules, 2005, S.I No.16 of 2005; and
- (b) the Weights and Measures (Testing and Stamping) Fees (Amendment) Rules, 2007, S.I No. 34 of 2007.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Rule 3

CURRENCY POINT

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings.

SCHEDULE 2

Rule 4(1) (a)

FEES IN RESPECT OF TESTING OF WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT

	Uganda Shs
1. WEIGHT	
(a) weight not exceeding 2kg	200
(b) weight exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 20kg	400
(c) weight exceeding 20kg but not exceeding 100kg	2,000
(d) weight exceeding 100kg	4,000
2. MEASURE OF LENGTH	
(a) measure not exceeding 1 meter	500
(b) measure exceeding 1 meter but not exceeding 5 meters	1,000
(c) measure exceeding 5 meters but not exceeding 30 meters	1,500
(d) measure exceeding 30 meters	3,000
3. MEASURE OF CAPACITY	
(a) measure not exceeding 500ml	1,500
(b) measure exceeding 500ml but not exceeding 5 litres	2,000
(c) measure exceeding 5 liters but not exceeding 20 litres	3,000
(d) measure exceeding 20 litres but not exceeding 100 litres	8,000
(e) measure exceeding 100 litres but not exceeding 500 litres	10,000
(f) measure exceeding 500 litres, for every 500 litres	8,000
(g) testing of a dip stick	40,000
4. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
(a) weighing unit not exceeding 2kg	5,000
(b) weighing unit exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 10kg	7,000
(c) weighing unit exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 100kg	20,000
(d) weighing unit exceeding 100kg	40,000
5. NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
(a) machine not exceeding 25kg	4,500
(b) machine exceeding 25kg but not exceeding 100kg	9,500
(c) machine exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 300kg	15,500
(d) machine exceeding 300kg but not exceeding 600kg	18,000
(e) machine exceeding 600kg but not exceeding 1,000 kg	20,000
(f) machine exceeding 1,000kg but not exceeding 5,000kg	30,000
(g) machine exceeding 5,000kg but not exceeding 20,000 kg	128,000
(h) machine exceeding 20,000kg, for every 10,000 kg or part thereof	55,000

6. ELECTRONIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENT

For an electronic weighing instrument, a fee twice that of a non-automatic weighing instrument of a corresponding capacity shall be charged.

7. EGG GRADING MACHINE

(a) egg spring balance	2,000
(b) egg grading machine	5,000
(c) separate grade	500

8. LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT

(a) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate equal to or less than 100 litres per minute	40,000
(b) for each bulk flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 100 litres per minute but not exceeding 500 litres per minute	450,000
(c) for each bulk flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 500 litres per minute	750,000
(d) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 1800 litres per minute	1, 200,000
(e) for each lubrication oil flow-meter type	100,000

9. VOLUMETRIC FILLER

(a) bottle or packet filler machine (a filling unit e.g. soda beer or powdered soap filler)	3,000
(b) other fillers (twenty consecutive test fills per machine (e.g. milk fillers into a polythene packet)	30,000

SCHEDULE 3

Rule 4(1) (b)

FEES IN RESPECT OF STAMPING OF WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT

	Uganda Shs
1. WEIGHT	
(a) weight not exceeding 2kg	200
(b) weight exceeding 2 kg but not exceeding 20kg	400
(c) weight exceeding 20 kg but not exceeding 100kg	1,000
(d) weight exceeding 100kg	2,000
2. MEASURE OF LENGTH	
(a) measure not exceeding 1 meter	500
(b) measure exceeding 1 meter but not exceeding 5 meters	1,000
(c) measure exceeding 5 meters but not exceeding 30 meters	2,000
(d) measure exceeding 30 meters	3,000
3. MEASURE OF CAPACITY	
(a) measure not exceeding 500ml	500
(b) measure exceeding 500ml but not exceeding 5 litres	1,000
(c) measure exceeding 5 litres but not exceeding 20 litres	2,000
(d) measure exceeding 20 litres but not exceeding 100 litres	3,000
(e) measure exceeding 100 litres	4,000
(f) stamping of dip stick	10,000
4. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
(a) weighing unit not exceeding 2kg	1,000
(b) weighing unit exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 10kg	2,000
(c) weighing unit exceeding 10kg but not exceeding 100kg	3,000
(d) weighing unit not exceeding 100kg but not 500kg	4,000
(e) weighing unit exceeding 500kg	5,000
5. NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
(a) machine not exceeding 25kg	2,000
(b) machine exceeding 25kg but not exceeding 100kg	3,000
(c) machine exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 300kg	5,500
(d) machine exceeding 300kg but not exceeding 600kg	7,000
(e) machine exceeding 600kg but not exceeding 1,000kg	10,000
(f) machine exceeding 1,000kg but not exceeding 5000kg	14,000
(g) machine exceeding 5,000 kg but not exceeding 20,000kg	20,000
(h) machine exceeding 20,000kg, for every 10,000kg or part thereof	55,000

6. ELECTRONIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENT

For an electronic weighing instrument, a fee twice that of a non-automatic weighing instrument of a corresponding capacity shall be charged.

7. EGG GRADING MACHINE

(a) egg spring balance	2,000
(b) egg grading machine	5,000
(c) separate grade	500

8. LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT

(a) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate equal to or less than 100 litres per minute	20,000
(b) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 100 litres per minute but not exceeding 500 litres per minute	50,000
(c) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 500 litres per minute but not exceeding 1800 litres per minute	50,000
(d) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 1800 litres per minute	50,000
(e) lubrication oil flow-meter type	4,000

9. VOLUMETRIC FILLER

(a) a bottle or packet filling machine (a filling unit e.g. soda, beer or powdered soap filler)	3000
(b) other fillers (twenty consecutive test fills per machine (e.g. milk fillers into a polythene packet)	30,000

10. ELECTRONIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENT

For an electronic weighing instrument, a fee twice that of a non-automatic weighing instrument of a corresponding capacity shall be charged.

SCHEDULE 4

Rule 4(1) (c)

FEES IN RESPECT OF ADJUSTING, BALANCING AND RELATED MATTERS

	Uganda Shs
1. WEIGHT	
(a) egg spring balance	2,000
(a) weight not exceeding 2kg	200
(b) weight exceeding 2kg but not exceeding 20kg	400
(c) weight exceeding 20kg but not exceeding 100kg	1,000
(d) weight exceeding 100kg	2,000
2. MEASURE OF CAPACITY	
(a) measure not exceeding 500ml	500
(b) measure exceeding 500ml but not exceeding 100 litres	1,000
(c) measure exceeding 100 litres	1,500
(d) affixing a stamping stud	1,500
3. WEIGHING INSTRUMENT	
(a) balancing an instrument	500
(b) adjusting a loose counterpoise	500
(c) adjusting a light duty travelling poise	500
(d) adjusting a heavy duty travelling poise	1,500
(e) fitting a small stamping plug	500
(f) fitting a large stamping plug	1,000
(g) any other adjusting, a fee not exceeding	3,000
4. HIRING	
(a) roller weight (daily rate per weight)	10,000
(b) other weights (daily rate per weight)	1,000
(c) prover tank (daily rate per prover)	100,000
(d) calibration facility (daily rate per truck)	100,000
6. PREPACKAGE TESTING	
(a) 50 packages or less	75,000
(b) 80 packages	120,000
(c) 125 packages	187,500

SCHEDULE 5

Rule 4(1) (d)

FEES IN RESPECT OF PATTERN EVALUATION AND APPROVAL OF WEIGHING AND MEASURING EQUIPMENT

1.	WEIGHT	Uganda Shs
	(a) weight not exceeding 5kg	100,000
	(b) weight exceeding 5kg but not exceeding 100kg	400,000
	(c) weight exceeding 100kg	2,000,000
2.	MEASURE OF LENGTH	
	measure of length	100,000
3.	MEASURE OF CAPACITY	
	(a) measure not exceeding 5 litres	100,000
	(b) measure exceeding 5 litres but not exceeding 20 litres	400,000
	(c) measure exceeding 20 litres but not exceeding 200 litres	800,000
	(d) measure exceeding 200 litres but not exceeding 10,000 litres	1,000,000
	(e) measure exceeding 10,000 litres but not exceeding 25,000 litres	1,200,000
	(f) measure exceeding 25,000 litres but not exceeding 40,000 litres	2,000,000
	(g) measure exceeding 40,000 litres, shall be charged plus 50 Uganda Shs per litre, for every additional litre in excess of 40,000 litres	2,000,000
4.	AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
	automatic weighing machine	2,000,000
5.	NON-AUTOMATIC WEIGHING MACHINE	
	(a) machine not exceeding 25kg	400,000
	(b) machine exceeding 25kg but not exceeding 100kg	800,000
	(c) machine exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 300kg	1,000,000
	(d) machine exceeding 300kg but not exceeding 600kg	1,200,000
	(e) machine exceeding 600kg but not exceeding 1,000 kg	1,500,000
	(f) machine exceeding 1,000kg but not exceeding 5,000kg	1,800,000
	(g) machine exceeding 5,000kg but not exceeding 20,000 kg	2,000,000
	(h) measure exceeding 20,000kg shall be charged plus 100 Uganda Shs per kg, for every additional kg in excess of 20,000kg	2,000,000
7.	EGG GRADING MACHINE	
	egg grading machine	400,000

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| 8. | LIQUID FUEL AND LUBRICATING OIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT | |
| | (a) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate equal to or less than 100 litres per minute | 2,000,000 |
| | (b) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 100 litres per minute but not exceeding 500 litres per minute | 2,500,000 |
| | (c) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 500 litres per minute but not exceeding 1800 litres per minute | 3,000,000 |
| | (d) fuel flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 1800 litres per minute | 5,000,000 |
| | (e) for each lubrication oil flow-meter type | 2,000,000 |
| 9. | WATER FLOW METERS AND MILK FLOW METERS | |
| | (a) flow-meter type of a flow rate equal to or less than 100 litres per minute | 1,000,000 |
| | (b) flow-meter type of a flow rate exceeding 100 litres | 2,000,000 |
| 10. | VOLUMETRIC FILLER | |
| | volumetric filler | 3,000,000 |
| 11. | ELECTRICITY METER | |
| | (a) electricity meter type not exceeding 80 amperes | 800,000 |
| | (b) electricity meter type exceeding 80 amperes but not exceeding 120 amperes | 1,000,000 |
| | (c) electricity meter exceeding 120 amperes for each wire mode | 1,200,000 |
| 12. | DUAL MODE METER | |
| | A fee twice that of one electricity meter of a corresponding capacity shall be charged. | |
| 13. | MULTIFACETED MEASURING SYSTEM | |
| | Gas flow, net oil, gas density and specific gravity, liquid density and liquid viscosity, net volume correction, steam volume and mass flow, a fee not exceeding 2% of the prevailing market price of the equipment. | |

SCHEDULE 6

Rule 4(1) (e), 5

FEES IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT

1. The market transport fee, where applicable, shall be the Government hiring rate or open market transport rate that may be in existence at the time of the performance of the work, covering the total travelling distance which such attendance necessitates.
2. Where an inspector or examiner is delayed in the performance of his or her duties due to the negligence of a mechanic or a person in charge of the instrument, the mechanic or person, as the case may be, shall be liable to pay a fee not exceeding twenty thousand shillings per hour.

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