

# THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 9 of 1929.

## AN ORDINANCE

Relating to Weights and Measures and for other  
purposes.

**B**E it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, as follows:—

### PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Weights and Measures Ordinance 1929*. Short title.
2. This Ordinance shall commence on a date to be fixed by the Commission by notice in the *Gazette*. Commencement.
3. The *Weights and Measures Act, 1898*, of the State of New South Wales shall cease to apply to the Territory. State Act to cease to apply.
4. This Ordinance is divided into Parts, as follows:— Parts.
  - Part I.—Preliminary.
  - Part II.—Administration.
  - Part III.—Standards and units.
  - Part IV.—The law of weights and measures.
  - Part V.—Verification and stamping.
  - Part VI.—Sale of coal and firewood.
  - Part VII.—Miscellaneous.
5. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
  - “Coal” means all descriptions of coal, coke and charcoal;
  - “Driver” means any person driving or in charge of a vehicle;
  - “Inspector” means an Inspector of Weights and Measures appointed under this Ordinance, and includes an inspector appointed under the *Weights and Measures Act, 1915*, of the State of New South Wales, who is authorized, under this Ordinance, to exercise the powers and functions of an Inspector under this Ordinance;

- “ Measuring Instrument ” means any instrument or machine, other than standard measures of extension or capacity, used for measuring any article or any liquid ;
- “ Package ” includes anything in or by which articles are cased, covered, enclosed, contained or packed ;
- “ Public weighing instrument ” means any weighing instrument open for use by the public, or for the use of which a charge is made ;
- “ Purchaser ” includes any person purchasing as agent for any other person ;
- “ Regulations ” means regulations made under this Ordinance ;
- “ the Commission ” means the Federal Capital Commission ;
- “ to stamp ” means to stamp or otherwise mark in such a manner as to be as far as practicable indelible ;
- “ Vehicle ” means any description of vehicle upon wheels ;
- “ Weighing instrument ” means weighbridge, weighing machine, scales, balance, steelyard or other instrument for weighing, and includes the weights belonging thereto ;
- “ Weighman ” means the person in charge of a public weighing instrument.

Application of Ordinance to Crown.

6. This Ordinance shall bind the Crown and all persons in the service of the Crown.

Delegation by Commission.

7.—(1.) The Commission may delegate any of its powers and functions under this Ordinance (except this power of delegation) in relation to any matters or class of matters, so that the delegated powers and functions may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters specified in the instrument of delegation.

(2.) Every delegation under this section shall be revocable at will and no delegation shall prevent the exercise of any power or function by the Commission.

#### PART II.—ADMINISTRATION.

Appointment of Inspectors.

8.—(1.) The Commission may appoint such Inspectors of Weights and Measures as it thinks fit.

(2.) Inspectors appointed under the *Weights and Measures Act*, 1915 of the State of New South Wales, may (if thereto authorized in writing by the Commission) exercise all the powers and functions of inspectors under this Ordinance.

Inspector not to derive profit from making, adjusting or selling weights, measures, or weighing instruments.

9. An inspector shall not derive any profit from, or be employed in making, adjusting or selling weights, measures or weighing instruments :

Provided that, upon application in writing accompanied by the appropriate fee prescribed by the First Schedule to this Ordinance, the Commission may approve in writing of the adjustment by an inspector of any weight submitted to him for verification, and the inspector may thereupon adjust the weight.

## PART III.—STANDARDS AND UNITS.

**10.** Pending the provision of standards by the Commission in pursuance of this Part, the standard weights and measures, the departmental standards and the local standards of the State of New South Wales, shall be the standards of the Territory. Provisional standards.

**11.** The Commission may provide specimens of weights and measures of the standard of the United Kingdom, as described in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance, and those weights and measures shall, subject to this Ordinance, be the standard weights and measures of the Territory. Standards of weights and measures to be provided.

**12.—(1.)** If any standard weight or measure is lost, destroyed, defaced or injured, another weight or measure of the same standard may be provided by the Commission in place of the one so lost, destroyed, defaced or injured. Replacing standards lost, destroyed, defaced or injured.

(2.) The weight or measure so provided shall be a standard weight or measure of the Territory.

**13.—(1.)** The Commission may provide copies of the standard weights and measures of the Territory. Departmental standards.

(2.) Those copies shall be verified as prescribed with the standards provided in pursuance of section eleven of this Ordinance, and shall be known as the " Departmental Standards ".

(3.) The Departmental Standards shall be renewed where necessary.

**14.—(1.)** The Commission may provide such copies of the Departmental Standards as are necessary. Local standards.

(2.) Each such copy, except where its size renders it impracticable, shall be stamped with such letters and figures as are commonly used to signify the name of the Sovereign, together with " S.W." for standard weight, or " S.M." for standard measure, as the case may be, and the denomination of the weight or measure.

(3.) Those copies shall be known as " Local Standards " and, after being verified as prescribed with the Departmental Standards, shall be transmitted to the inspectors and shall be safely and securely kept by them.

**15.** A local standard of weight shall not be deemed legal nor be used for the purposes of this Ordinance unless it has been verified or re-verified within ten years before the time at which it is used. Periodical verification of standards.

**16.** Any person who falsifies, injures or destroys any standard shall be guilty of an offence. Penalty for falsifying standard.

Penalty: One hundred pounds.

**17.** The units of weight and measure shall be those prescribed in the Third Schedule to this Ordinance. Units of weight and measure.

## PART IV.—THE LAW OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Contracts and sales to be according to standard weights and measures.

**18.**—(1.) Every contract, bargain, sale, purchase or dealing made or had for any work, goods, wares, or merchandise, or other thing which has been or is to be done, sold, purchased, delivered, carried or agreed for by weight or measure, shall be deemed to be made and had according to the standard weights or measures ascertained by this Ordinance, or to some multiple or part thereof, and if not so made or had shall be void.

(2.) Any contract, bargain, sale, purchase or dealing mentioned in this section is in this Ordinance referred to as "trade".

(3.) A person shall not sell or buy by any denomination of weight or measure other than the standard weights or measures or some multiple or part thereof.

(4.) This section shall not apply to a contract, bargain, sale, purchase or dealing in connexion with the importation or export of goods, wares or merchandise from or to a country where other than the standard weights or measures ascertained by this Ordinance are used.

Articles to be sold by avoirdupois.

**19.**—(1.) All articles sold by weight shall be sold by avoirdupois weight, except that—

(a) gold and silver and articles made of gold or silver or partly gold and partly silver, and platinum and other precious metals may be sold by the ounce troy, or by any decimal part of the ounce, or by penny-weight or by grains;

(b) diamonds and other precious stones shall be sold by the metric carat, or by any decimal part of the metric carat; and

(c) drugs, when sold by retail, may be sold by apothecaries weight.

(2.) All contracts, bargains, sales and dealings in relation thereto shall be deemed to be made and had by those weights and, where so made or had, shall be valid.

Weight by bushel.

**20.**—(1.) In any contract for the sale by the bushel of any articles mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to this Ordinance, the bushel shall be determined by weighing.

(2.) The weight equivalent to a bushel of any such article shall be that stated in the Fourth Schedule to this Ordinance.

Sale by net weight or measure.

**21.**—(1.) A person shall not sell by retail any article by weight or measure unless by net weight or measure.

(2.) Every person delivering to any purchaser, at any place other than the premises of the seller, any article so sold shall deliver an invoice or delivery note showing the net weight or measure of the article:

Provided that this specification shall not apply to bread or to any article weighed or measured at the premises of the purchaser.

(3.) A person shall not offer or expose for sale by retail any article enclosed in a package unless the net weight or measure of the article is legibly written or printed upon the outside of the package, or upon a label firmly attached thereto:

Provided that this specification shall not apply to articles weighed or measured before or at the time of the sale in the presence of the purchaser.

(4.) This section shall not apply to any article—

- (a) exempted by the regulations; or
- (b) exposed for sale or sold by weight in a package, if the weight of the article is subject to variation by reason of climatic influences and the package bears a conspicuous label or inscription showing the words "Net weight when packed," together with the weight.

(5.) Weights or measures closely approximating those indicated on the invoice or delivery note, label or inscription shall be allowed when and as prescribed by the regulations either generally or with respect to particular articles.

**22.—**(1.) Where the net weight or measure of an article sold is stated in an invoice or a delivery note or is written or printed on a package enclosing the article and the net weight or measure is not correctly so stated, written or printed, the seller or the person offering or exposing the article for sale shall be guilty of an offence. Net weight or measure not correctly stated.

(2.) In any prosecution for a contravention of this section, it shall be sufficient defence if the seller or the person offering or exposing the article for sale—

- (a) produces from the person from whom he purchased the article a written guarantee that the weight or measure written or printed on the package is correct; and
- (b) proves that he sold the article or offered or exposed the article for sale in the same state as when purchased by him,

subject to the following conditions:—

- (c) The person giving the guarantee must be resident in the Territory, or, if a company, must have a registered office in the Territory; and
- (d) The guarantee must state the name of the place of business of the guarantor, and the name under which he trades.

(3.) The form of guarantee under this section may be prescribed.

(4.) Any person who gives a guarantee which is false shall be guilty of an offence.

Provision for weighing or measuring.

**23.**—(1.) Where any person in a shop or other place, or in any vehicle, pack, basket or other receptacle, offers or exposes for sale by retail, by weight or measure, any article, he shall have in a convenient place capable of being easily seen by the purchaser, a suitable weighing instrument or measure with the necessary weights for weighing the article, and shall at the request of a purchaser of any such article sold by retail, by weight or measure, weigh or measure it in the presence of the purchaser.

(2.) If the article is less than the due weight or measure, the person selling it shall be guilty of an offence.

False declaration as to measures, weights, &c.

**24.** A person shall not by means of words, description or other indication, direct or indirect, make any false declaration or statement, or wilfully mislead any person as to the number, quality, measure, gauge or weight of any articles sold or delivered by him, or sell or deliver anything or cause anything to be sold or delivered by weight, measure or number short of the quantity ordered or purchased.

Fraud in using weight.

**25.** Any person wilfully committing any fraud, and every person party to any fraud, in the using of any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument, shall be guilty of an offence, and the weight, measure, or instrument shall be forfeited.

#### PART V.—VERIFICATION AND STAMPING.

Verification and stamping.

**26.** Every weight, measure, and weighing and measuring instrument used for trade, not being a weight, measure, or instrument exempted by the regulations, shall be stamped with a mark of verification in pursuance of this Ordinance.

Re-verification and re-stamping

**27.**—(1.) Subject to this section, every weight, measure and weighing or measuring instrument used for trade, not being a measure made of glass, shall be produced at the office of an inspector and re-verified and stamped every two years.

(2.) The regulations may prescribe more frequent re-verification and stamping of spring balances, scales and weighbridges, and of weighing or measuring instruments for which a charge is made for use by the public.

(3.) The regulations may require the owners of weighing instruments referred to in the last preceding sub-section to provide such stamped weights, and such labour as the inspector considers necessary for the proper conduct of the verification.

(4.) In the case of a weighing or measuring instrument which, by reason of its being fixed or of its being so heavy that it cannot conveniently be moved, it shall be a sufficient compliance with this section if arrangements are made to the satisfaction of an inspector for a re-verification and stamping of the instrument within the period prescribed.

**28.** The person shall not use or have in his possession for use in trade any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which is not stamped as required by this Ordinance, or which is incorrect or unjust. Penalty for using unstamped weights, &c.

**29.—(1.)** A person shall not use for trade any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which has become defective in consequence of wear or accident, or has been mended or repaired, until the weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument has been re-stamped. Using defective or repaired weights, &c.

(2.) Any person mending or repairing any such defective weight or measure or instrument shall destroy any such existing stamp thereon.

**30.** The fees for testing, verifying or stamping weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments shall be those specified in the Fifth Schedule to this Ordinance. Fees for verifying and stamping.

#### PART VI.—SALE OF COAL AND FIREWOOD.

**31.** This Part shall only apply in such areas as the Commission specifies by notice published in the *Gazette*. Application of Part.

**32.—(1.)** A person shall not sell or offer for sale coal otherwise than by weight. Sale by weight or measure.

(2.) A person shall not sell or offer for sale, otherwise than by weight, any firewood in a quantity of five hundredweights or less.

(3.) Firewood when sold by weight and coal shall, except as prescribed, be sold only in one or more tons, hundredweights or quarters or all or some of them.

(4.) In all cases where coal or firewood is sold by weight or measure, the seller shall clearly state the correct weight or measure (as the case may be) on a ticket (in this Ordinance referred to as "a delivery ticket") and shall hand the ticket or cause the ticket to be handed to the purchaser at the time of delivery of the coal or firewood.

(5.) Where any quantity of coal or firewood exceeding five hundredweights is sold by weight and is conveyed for delivery or sale in a vehicle, the seller of the coal or firewood shall, unless the vehicle is provided by the purchaser, cause the weight of the vehicle as well as of the coal or firewood contained therein to be previously ascertained by a weighing instrument, and shall from time to time cause the tare weight of the vehicle to be marked thereon.

(6.) In any such case the seller of the coal or firewood shall insert or cause to be inserted in a weight ticket or note, which he shall give or cause to be given to the purchaser at the time of delivery, a statement of the correct weight of the vehicle or of the vehicle or the animal drawing it, where both are weighed together with the load, as well as of the correct weight of the coal or firewood contained in the vehicle.

(7.) Where by this section or any regulation a delivery ticket or weight ticket or note is required to be handed or given to the purchaser at the time of delivery of coal or firewood, the seller of the coal or firewood or the person in charge of any vehicle in which it is being carried or from which it is being delivered to the purchaser shall, on demand, produce and hand the delivery ticket or weight ticket or note to any inspector who shall retain it if he finds it to be incorrect.

Power to require weighing of coal or firewood on vehicle.

**33.**—(1.) Any seller or purchaser of coal or firewood by weight, or any person in charge of a vehicle in which the coal or firewood is carried, or any inspector may require that the coal or firewood or any vehicle used for the carriage thereof in bulk be weighed or re-weighed by any sufficient weighing instrument.

(2.) Where any such coal, firewood or vehicle has at the instance of the purchaser been weighed or re-weighed in pursuance of this section and found to be of the weight stated in that behalf by the seller of the coal or firewood or the person in charge of the vehicle, the purchaser shall be liable to pay the costs actually incurred in the weighing or re-weighing.

(3.) If any seller of coal or firewood or any person in charge of a vehicle in which coal or firewood is carried refuses without reasonable excuse to have weighed or re-weighed any vehicle, coal or firewood, or, if the keeper of any weighing instrument, refuses to weigh or re-weigh or so weighs or re-weighs any vehicle, coal or firewood as wilfully to defraud either the seller or the purchaser of the coal or firewood, or gives a weight ticket or note for any vehicle, coal or firewood without having previously weighed it, he shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Ten pounds.

Fraudulent sales.

**34.** A person shall not—

- (a) sell coal or firewood by description which is false as to the sort of coal or firewood sold;
- (b) sell or deliver wet coal or firewood with intent to defraud the purchaser as to the weight of coal or firewood sold or delivered;
- (c) sell or deliver coal or firewood short of the quantity purchased or of the quantity purported to be sold or delivered;
- (d) make any false statement as to the weight or measure of any coal or firewood; or
- (e) being in charge of a vehicle, wilfully make any false statement as to the tare weight of the vehicle or wilfully do any act by which either the seller or purchaser of any coal or firewood is defrauded.



## PART VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

**35.**—(1.) An inspector may at all reasonable times—

- (a) enter any building or place or stop and inspect any vehicle wherein or in connexion with which weights, measures, or weighing or measuring instruments are used for trade;
- (b) inspect any weights, measures or weighing or measuring instruments in the possession of any person having a pack, basket or other receptacle containing articles for sale; and
- (c) examine and test those weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments.

Inspection of weights, measures and instruments.

(2.) An inspector may seize any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which is not stamped in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, or which is incorrect or unjust.

**36.** An inspector may at all reasonable times enter any building or place, and stop and inspect any vehicle, or inspect any pack, basket or other receptacle, and any article therein kept or exposed for sale in a package, and weigh or cause the article to be weighed or measured in the presence of the person in charge thereof, and may seize any article in respect of which a contravention of this Ordinance has been committed.

Inspection of articles in packages.

**37.** Any person who hinders or obstructs an inspector in the execution of his duty under this Ordinance, or does not, when requested by an inspector, produce all weights, measures or weighing or measuring instruments in his possession for examination or testing, shall be guilty of an offence.

Obstruction of inspector.

**38.**—(1.) A person shall not—

- (a) forge or counterfeit or unlawfully have in his possession any stamp used for stamping under this Ordinance any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument, or in any way alter or tamper with any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which has been so stamped so as to cause it to weigh or measure unjustly;
- (b) knowingly use, sell, dispose of or accept for sale any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument with a forged or counterfeit stamp thereon, or any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument so altered or tampered with;
- (c) wilfully or knowingly make or sell or cause to be made or sold any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which is false or unjust; or
- (d) increase or diminish any stamped weight or measure, or use, sell, dispose of or expose for sale any such increased or diminished weight or measure.

Forged stamp.

(2.) Paragraph (d) of the last preceding sub-section shall not apply to any person who increases or diminishes any stamped weight or measure when he adjusts it to standard, and entirely obliterates the stamp thereon.

(3.) Any bargain, sale or contract made in reference to any false or unjust weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument shall be void.

**Penalties.**

**39.** Any person who contravenes any provision of this Ordinance or is guilty of an offence against this Ordinance for which contravention or offence no other penalty is provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

**Forfeiture.**

**40.** Any weights, measures, or weighing or measuring instruments in connexion with which any contravention of, or offence against, this Ordinance is committed may be forfeited.

**Seizure of weights forfeited, &c.**

**41.—(1.)** Any inspector may seize any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument which is forfeited or which he has reasonable grounds to believe has been forfeited under this Ordinance, and take it before a Court of Petty Sessions.

(2.) The Court may, after such notice if any, to such person if any, as it thinks fit to direct, order that any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument brought before it be forfeited to the Commission or be returned to the person from whom it was taken.

(3.) Where any prosecution is pending, an order for forfeiture or return of any weight, measure or weighing or measuring instrument shall not be made until the prosecution is determined.

(4.) All forfeited weights, measures or weighing or measuring instruments shall be dealt with as the Commission directs, and pending that direction shall be kept in such custody as the Court directs.

**Imprisonment for fraud.**

**42.** Where a person is convicted of a second or subsequent contravention of or offence against this Ordinance, and the court by which he is convicted is of opinion that the contravention or offence was committed with intent to defraud, he shall be liable, in addition to or in lieu of any penalty, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months.

**Evidence as to possession.**

**43.** When any weight, measure, or weighing or measuring instrument is found in the possession of any person carrying on trade or on any premises which, whether a building or in the open air, are used by any person for trade, that person shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Ordinance, to have that weight, measure or instrument, in his possession for use for trade.

44. Proceedings for a penalty for a contravention of or an offence against this Ordinance by a corporate body may be taken against any person who is the manager or who acts in the management of the corporate body, and that person shall be personally liable in these proceedings for the contravention or offence.

Proceedings  
against  
corporations.

45. If any information is laid by any person other than an inspector and the proceedings are withdrawn or dismissed, the court before which the proceedings are had may, if it thinks fit, order that the person pay to the defendant such compensation for costs and loss of time as seems reasonable.

Costs or  
value of  
prosecution.

46. In any conviction under this Ordinance, the court before which the proceedings are had may order such payment as it thinks fit as compensation for loss of time or expense in consequence of the contravention or offence of which the defendant was convicted or in connexion with the proceedings to secure the conviction.

Costs on  
conviction.

47. All fees paid under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Seat of Government Fund established under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924-1928*.

Fees to  
be paid into  
Seat of  
Government  
Fund.

48.—(1.) The Commission may make regulations not inconsistent with this Ordinance prescribing all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Ordinance, and in particular for prescribing matters providing for and in relation to—

Regulations.

- (a) the times and places for the submitting for verification and the verifying and stamping of weights, measures, and weighing and measuring instruments;
- (b) the conditions for the supply, custody, care and verification of departmental and local standards, and the satisfactory certifying of that verification;
- (c) the amount of error which may be tolerated in weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments;
- (d) the shapes, dimensions and proportions to be required in weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments, and the materials of which they shall be made;
- (e) the weights, measures and weighing and measuring instruments which shall or shall not be admitted to verification, and the tests to be applied to ascertain their accuracy and efficiency;
- (f) the purposes or trades for or in which certain weights, measures, weighing or measuring instruments may lawfully be used, and prescribing the class of weights and measures and weighing or measuring instruments which are to be used in certain trades;

- (g) the testing, verifying and stamping of weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments, and the adjusting of weights;
- (h) the instruments to be used for testing and verifying weights, measures and weighing or measuring instruments;
- (i) the marking on weights and measures of their several denominations, and on weighing and measuring instruments of their capacities and other markings;
- (j) the obliteration of stamps on weights, measures and weighing and measuring instruments found to be incorrect or not in accordance with this Ordinance;
- (k) the classes of weights to be used on certain weighing instruments;
- (l) the registration by owners or lessees of public weighing or measuring instruments, and the examination and licensing of weighmen, and generally their supervision and control;
- (m) the taking of tare weights of any vehicle used for the conveyance of goods sold or carried by weight, the issue and production of tickets showing that weight, or the weight of the loading on the vehicle, or the weight of the loading and the vehicle, and the prevention of frauds in connexion with goods conveyed on vehicles and sold or carried by weight;
- (n) the prohibition of the sale of certain goods by measure of capacity;
- (o) the prohibition of the sale by retail of packages of any goods specified in the regulations otherwise than of the prescribed net weights or measures;
- (p) the method of marking upon articles their weight or measure;
- (q) the sale, weighing and delivery of coal and firewood and the provision and use of weighing instruments in connexion therewith;
- (r) the issue by sellers to drivers of vehicles conveying coal or firewood, of delivery tickets or weight tickets or notes, the form of those tickets or notes, and the carrying and production of those tickets or notes, and their delivery to purchasers;
- (s) the weighing of any vehicle conveying coal or firewood, or the load thereon, or any part of that load, on demand by a purchaser or an inspector;
- (t) the distance beyond which coal or firewood is not to be required to be carried for the purpose of being weighed or re-weighed in pursuance of this Ordinance;

(u) the fees to be paid for the use for the purposes of Part VI. of this Ordinance of any weighing instrument; and

(v) the imposition of penalties not exceeding Ten pounds for breaches of the Regulations.

(2.) Any regulation made in pursuance of paragraph (o) of the last preceding sub-section shall not come into force until the expiration of six months after the regulation has been notified in the *Gazette*, or any longer period prescribed in the regulation.

## THE SCHEDULES.

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### THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

#### FEES FOR ADJUSTING WEIGHTS.

<i>Avoirdupois.</i>	Each weight. 6d.	<i>Troy and Apothecaries.</i>	Each weight. 1s.
56 lb. to 1 oz. . . . .		500 oz. to 1 oz. . . . .	
Slip weights on weighing instruments . . . . .		. . . . .	6d. each weight.

An inspector is not required to adjust weights of a less denomination than shown in this Schedule.

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### THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

#### STANDARDS.

#### WEIGHTS.

#### *Avoirdupois.*

56 lb., or $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	1 lb.	8 drams, or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
28 " " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	8 oz., or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	4 " " $\frac{1}{4}$ "
14 " " "	4 " " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	2 " " "
7 " " "	2 " " "	1 dram
4 " " "	1 " " "	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
2 " " "		

#### *Decimal Grain (Avoirdupois).*

4,000 grains	30 grains	.3 grain
2,000 "	20 "	.2 "
1,000 "	10 "	.1 "
500 "	5 "	.05 "
300 "	3 "	.03 "
200 "	2 "	.02 "
100 "	1 grain	.01 "
50 "	.5 "	

#### *Troy.*

500 ounces	5 ounces	.05 ounce
300 "	3 "	.03 "
200 "	2 "	.02 "
100 "	1 ounce	.01 "
50 "	.5 "	.005 "
30 "	.3 "	.003 "
20 "	.2 "	.002 "
10 "	.1 "	.001 "

*Pennyweights and Grains (Troy).*

240 grains, commonly called 10 pennyweights, or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	6 grains
120 " " " 5 " " " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	5 "
72 " " " 3 " " "	4 "
48 " " " 2 " " "	3 "
24 " " " 1 pennyweight	2 "
12 " " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1 grain

*Apothecaries'.*

1 ounce	6 grains
4 drachms, or $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce	5 "
2 " " " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	4 "
1 drachm	3 "
2 scruples	2 "
$1\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ drachm	1 grain
1 scruple	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
10 grains, or $\frac{1}{4}$ scruple	

*Metric Carat.*

500 carats	5 carats	.1 carat
200 "	2 "	.05 "
100 "	1 carat	.02 "
50 "	.5 "	.01 "
20 "	.2 "	.005 "
10 "		

## MEASURE OF EXTENSION.

Yard, 2 feet, 1 foot, 1 inch.

## MEASURES OF CAPACITY.

10 gallons	Half gallon or $\frac{1}{4}$ peck
8 gallons, or 1 bushel	Quart
5 "	Pint
4 " or $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel	Half pint
3 gallons	Gill or $\frac{1}{4}$ pint
2 " or peck	Half gill
Gallon or $\frac{1}{2}$ peck	Quarter gill

*Apothecaries' Measures of Capacity.*

40 fluid ounces to 1 ounce
16 " drachms to $\frac{1}{2}$ drachm
60 minims to 1 minim

## THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

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## UNITS OF WEIGHT AND MEASURE.

*Measures of Weight.*

The standard pound shall be the legal standard measure of weight, and of measure having reference to weight, and shall be the only unit or standard measure of weight from which all other weights, and all measures having reference to weight, shall be ascertained.

One-sixteenth part of the standard pound shall be an ounce, and one-sixteenth part of such ounce shall be a dram, and one seven-thousandth part of the standard pound shall be a grain.

A hundredweight shall consist of one hundred and twelve pounds, and a ton shall consist of twenty such hundredweights.

Provided that a ton of flour, bran, pollard, sharps, semolina, wheatmeal or other milled product of wheat shall consist of 2,000 pounds.

Four hundred and eighty grains shall be an ounce troy or apothecaries.

*Measures of Capacity.*

The unit or standard measure of capacity from which all other measures of capacity, as well for liquids as for dry goods, shall be derived, shall be the gallon, containing ten standard pounds weight of distilled water weighed in air against brass weights, with the water and air at the temperature of sixty-two degrees Fahrenheit's thermometer, and the barometer at thirty inches.

The quart shall be the fourth part of the gallon, and the pint shall be the eighth part of the gallon. Two gallons shall be a peck, and eight gallons shall be a bushel, and eight such bushels shall be a quarter.

*Measures of Length.*

The standard yard shall be the only unit or standard measure of extension, from which all other measures of extension, whether linear, superficial, or solid, shall be ascertained.

One-third of the standard yard shall be a foot, and the twelfth part of such foot shall be an inch, and the rod, pole, or perch in length shall be five such yards and a half; and the chain shall contain twenty-two such yards, and the mile one thousand seven hundred and sixty such yards.

The rood of land shall contain one thousand two hundred and ten square yards, according to the standard yard, and the acre of land shall contain four thousand eight hundred and forty such square yards, being one hundred and sixty square rods, poles or perches.

## THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

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*Weights for Bushel.*

Article.	Weight
Amber cane .. .. .	60 lb.
Barley .. .. .	50 "
Beans .. .. .	60 "
Beans (fresh) .. .. .	20 "
Bran .. .. .	20 "
Broom corn .. .. .	50 "
Buckwheat .. .. .	50 "
Clover, red or white .. .. .	20 "
Grasses—couch, cocksfoot, paspalum, rib, rye .. .. .	20 "
Hungarian millet .. .. .	60 "
Imphee .. .. .	60 "
Lucerne .. .. .	20 "
Maize .. .. .	56 "
Oats .. .. .	40 "
Planter's Friend .. .. .	60 "
Peas .. .. .	60 "
Peas (in pod) .. .. .	28 "
Pollard .. .. .	20 "
Rye corn .. .. .	60 "
Sorghum .. .. .	60 "
Tares or vetches .. .. .	60 "
Wheat (seed) .. .. .	60 "

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## THE FIFTH SCHEDULE.

FEES TO BE PAID FOR TESTING, VERIFYING OR STAMPING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS.

*Weights.*

Avoirdupois.		Troy and Apothecaries.	
56 lb. .. .. .	6d. each	Over 100 oz. .. .. .	1s. each
28 " .. .. .	4d. "	100 to 10 oz. .. .. .	6d. "
14 and 7 lb. .. .. .	3d. "	5 oz. or under .. .. .	3d. "
4 lb. or under .. .. .	1d. "	240 grains or under .. .. .	3d. "
		Decimal grains, 3d. each weight	

*Measures of Capacity.*

10 gallons	..	..	..	..	1s. each
8 " or 1 bushel	..	..	..	..	1s. "
5 " or ½ bushel	..	..	..	..	1s. "
4 " or ¼ bushel	..	..	..	..	9d. "
3 " or ⅓ bushel	..	..	..	..	9d. "
2 " or 1 peck	..	..	..	..	6d. "
1 gallon or ⅓ peck	..	..	..	..	4d. "
Half gallon or ⅓ peck	..	..	..	..	3d. "
Quart or under	..	..	..	..	2d. "

Subdivided measures shall be charged for each subdivision at half the rate prescribed for measures of similar capacity.

Apothecaries' measures, 6d. each.

*Measures of Extension.*

One yard, 2 feet, 1 foot, 1 inch	..	..	..	..	3d. each
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*Weighing Instruments.*

Weighbridges and crane weighing machines	..	..	..	..	£1 ls. each
Weighing instruments (fixed)	..	..	..	..	9d. per cwt. of capacity; Minimum fee 10s.; Maximum fee £1 ls.
Weighing machines (portable), steelyards, balances and spring scales—					
Capacity 14 lb. and under	..	..	..	..	1s. each
Over 14 lb. to 1 cwt.	..	..	..	..	2s. "
Over 1 cwt.	..	..	..	..	6d. for each additional cwt. or part thereof.
					Maximum fee £1 ls.
Computing scales, 10 lb. and under	..	..	..	..	2s. 6d. each
" " over 10 lb. to 150 lb.	..	..	..	..	5s. "
" " over 150 lb.	..	..	..	..	1s. for each additional cwt. or part thereof.

These fees include the stamping of one set of proportional weights where those weights are used; duplex sets to be charged half above-mentioned fees.

One-half above-mentioned fees to be chargeable for weights, measures or weighing instruments tested and rejected as incorrect or otherwise unsuitable:

Provided that where fractions of a penny occur they shall be charged as one penny.

In the case of weighing instruments graduated in centals, read "100 lb." in place of "1 cwt."

For the testing of weighing instruments at premises outside the inspector's office, owners shall provide cartage for the necessary weights, and the labour required to handle them, and shall pay any additional mileage fees prescribed by the regulations.

Dated this thirtieth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

STONEHAVEN

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

C. L. A. ABBOTT

Minister of State for Home Affairs.

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