

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 34 OF 2008

The Weights and Measures Act
(Laws, Volume 23, Cap 403)

The Weights and Measures (Assize Fees)(Amendment) Regulations, 2008

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *forty-four* of the Weights and Measures Act, the following Regulations are hereby made:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Assize Fees)(Amendment) Regulations, 2008, and shall be read as one with the Weights and Measures (Assize Fees) Regulations, 1996, in these Regulations referred to as the principal Regulations.

Title

S.I. No. 1 of
1996

2. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended—

Amendment
of regulation
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(a) by the deletion of the definition “international applicant” and the substitution therefore of the following new definition:

“international applicant” means any foreign person or company engaged in manufacturing, in installing, repairing, adjusting, selling or exposing for sale, weighing and measuring instruments used in trade; and

(b) by the deletion of the definition “local applicant” and the substitution therefor of the following new definition:

“local applicant” means a person or company that is based in Zambia and is engaged in manufacturing, installing, repairing, adjusting, selling or exposing for sale, weighing and measuring instruments used in trade.

3. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended in sub-regulation (1)—

Amendment
of regulation
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(a) by the deletion of paragraph (a) and the substitution therefore of the following paragraph:

(a) where a journey is made by motor vehicle, a fee at the rate of 10 fee units per kilometer or part thereof in respect of the distance between the premises and the assize office at which the assizer is stationed, or the attendance fees specified in part III of the Second Schedule or the cost of fuel whichever is greater; and

(b) by the deletion in paragraph (c) of "500" and the substitution therefor of "1,700".

Amendment
of regulation
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4. Regulation 7 of the principal Regulation is amended by the deletion of paragraph (a) and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:

(a) the total transportation costs of moving the standard weights to and from the premises of the applicant or special applicant at the rate of 65 fee units per kilometer except that within a radius of 30 kilometers from any of the agency offices the fee shall be a flat rate of 3000 fee units.

Revocation
and
replacement
of First
Schedule

5. The principal Regulations are amended by the revocation of the first Schedule and the substitution therefore of the first schedule set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulation.

Revocation
and
replacement
of Second
Schedule

6. The principal Regulation are amended by the revocation of the Second Schedule and the substitution therefore of the Second Schedule set out in Appendix 11 to these Regulation.

APPENDIX 1

(Regulation 5)

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

TEST FEES

WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

1. (1) A Weighing instrument other than an automatic weighing instrument or specified balance—

<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Fee Units</i>
(a) less than 5 kilogram	150
(b) 5 kilograms or over, but under 10 kilograms	200
(c) 10 kilograms or over, but under 20 kilograms	250
(d) 20 kilograms or over, but under 50 kilograms	300
(e) 50 kilograms or over, but under 100 kilograms	350
(f) 100 kilograms or over, but under 500 kilograms	500
(g) 500 kilograms or over, but under 2 tons	550
(h) 2 metric tons or over, but under 5 tons	600
(i) 5 metric tons or over, but under 10 tons	700
(j) 10 metric tons or over, but under 20 tons	1500
(k) 20 metric tons or over, but under 50 tons	2000
(l) 50 metric tons or over, but under 100 tons	3000
(m) 100 metric tons or over	4500

(2) Laboratory scales and other delicate balances of a capacity of—

	<i>Fees Units</i>
(a) less than 1 microgram	200
(b) 1 microgram or more but less than 10 milligrams	250
(c) 10 milligrams or more but less than 500 milligrams	300
(d) 500 milligrams or more but less than 1 gram	350
(e) 1 gram or more but less than 100 grams	400
(f) 100 grams or more but less than 500 grams	450
(g) 500 grams or more but less than 1 kilogram	500
(h) 1 kilogram or more but less than 5 kilograms	550
(i) 5 kilograms or more but less than 10 kilograms	600
(j) 10 kilograms or more but less than 20 kilograms	650
(k) 20 kilograms or more	700

(3) The fees for self-indicating scale, including a spring self-indicating or a spring balance, other than a suspended spring balance listed in paragraph 2, shall be the fees specified above increased by 100 per centum.

(4) The fees of an optical or electronic self-indicating price-computing counter scale or an optical or electronic digital heavy duty scale, shall be the fees specified above increased by 200 per centum.

2. A crane weigher or a suspended spring balance of a capacity of—

	<i>Fees Units</i>
(a) less than 50 kilograms	200
(b) 50 kilograms, or more but less than 100 kilograms	250
(c) 100 kilograms, or more but less than 200 kilograms	550
(d) 200 kilograms, or more but less than 1,000 kilograms	700
(e) 1,000 kilograms, or over	1000

3. An automatic conveyor type weigher 1200

4. An automatic weighing machine when the capacity of each individual unit is—

	<i>Fees units'</i>
(a) less than 5 kilograms	600
(b) 5 kilograms or more but less than 100 kilograms	700
(c) 100 kilograms or more but less than 500 kilograms	800
(d) 200 kilograms or more but less than 1,000 kilograms	900
(e) 1,000 kilograms and more	1000

WEIGHTS

	<i>Fees Units</i>
(a) Any high precision weight of 1 kilogram and under	200
(b) Any high precision weight of over 1 kilogram	400
(c) Any weight of over 1 kilogram but under 5 kilograms	200
(d) Any weight of 5 kilograms but under 200 kilograms	600
(e) Any weight of 200 kilograms and over	800

MEASURES OF CAPACITY

	<i>Fees Units</i>
1. Any graduated measure of a capacity of 1 liter or less	200

2. Any ungraduated measure of a capacity of—

(a) 500 millilitres or more but less than 1 litre	150
(b) 1 litre or more but less than 10 litres	200
(c) 10 litres or more but less than 20 litres	250
(d) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres	300
(e) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres	350
(f) 100 litres or more but less than 200 litres	400
(g) 200 litres or more but less than 500 litres	450
(h) 500 litres or more but less than 1,000 litres	500
(i) 1000 litres or more	550

3. Precision measure of capacity for use as working standard:

Any precision measure of a capacity of—

Fees Units

(a) less than 20 litres	1,000
(b) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres	2,000
(c) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres	3,000
(d) 100 litres or more	4,000

4. (1) A vehicle tank or compartment when tested, of a capacity of—

Fees Units

(a) 500 litres	400
(b) over 500 litres:	
(i) for the first 500 litres	400
(ii) for each additional 500 litres or part thereof	120

(2) (a) The fee for replacement or a valid vehicle tank certificate shall be 50% of the fee in paragraph (4) (1).

(b) When a tanker certificate is issued, the certificate number of that certificate shall be reflected on the assize fees receipt so issued to the owner of the vehicle tanker.

Fee Units

(3) Calibration of a storage tank of a capacity of—

(a) less than 5,000 litres	10,000
(b) 5,000 litres or more less than 20,000	15,000
(c) 20,000 litres or more but less than 40,000 litres	25,000
(d) 40,000 litres or more but less than 60,000 litres	35,000
(e) 60,000 litres or more but less than 100,000 litres	50,000

(f)	100,000 litres or more but less than 200,000 litres	80,000
(g)	200,000 litres or more but less than 500,000 litres	100,000
(h)	500,000 litres or more but less than 1,000,000 litres	150,000
(i)	1,000,000 litres or more	250,000

MEASURE OF LENGTH

		<i>Fee Units</i>
1.	(1) Measure of length of—	
	(a) 3 metres or less	100
	(b) more than 3 metres	200
	(2) A fabric-measuring instrument with or without a price computing unit—	
	(a) able to measure less than 50 metres	300
	(b) able to measure 50 metres or more	400

BULFLOW METRES

		<i>Fees units</i>
	<i>Type</i>	
(a)	A bulk-flow metre with manual billing mechanism	3,000
(b)	A bulk-flow metre with automatic or set stop mechanism	3,000
(c)	A bulk-flow metre of 90 millimeter bore or less	3,000
(d)	A bulk-flow metre with automatic set stop billing mechanism	3,000
(e)	A bulk-flow metre with temperature compensation device	3,500
(f)	A bulk-flow metre of more than 90 millimetre bore	4,500
(g)	A master metre of over 90 millimetre bore	6,000
(h)	A master metre of more than 90 millimetre bore	7,500
(i)	A proving loop	8,000
(j)	A turbine metre	9,000
(k)	A data recording pulsate or print-out device	9,000
(l)	A remote read-out device	9,500
2.	A liquid fuel or lubricating-oil measuring instrument other than a bulk metre—	
		<i>Fee Units</i>
(a)	incorporating a flow metre	400
(b)	incorporating a flow metre and price computer	500
(c)	incorporating blending system	800
(d)	electronic digital read-petrol pump	1000

3. (a) An instrument for measuring spirituous liquor for consumption on the premises	300
(b) beer measuring instrument	300
4. A water metre—	
(a) domestic water metre	100
(b) industrial water metre	400
(c) water metre test bench	16,000
5. An electricity metre—	
(a) domestic electricity metre	200
(b) industrial electricity metre	20,000
(c) electricity metre test bench	40,000

APPENDIX 11

(Regulation 6)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulations 4, 5 and 6)

PART 1

ADJUSTING FEES

	<i>Fees Units</i>
1. Any high precision weight of 1 kilogram or less	200
2. Any high precision weight of over 1 kilogram	400
3. A weight of less than 5 kilograms	200
4. A weight of 5 kilograms or more but less than 200 kilograms	600
5. Any weight of 200 kilograms or more	800
6. A poise	200
7. Any measure of capacity:	
	<i>Fees Units</i>
(a) less than 1 litre	150
(b) 1 litre or more but less than 10 litres	200
(c) 10 litres or more but less than 20 litres	250
(d) 20 litres or more but less than 50 litres	300
(e) 50 litres or more but less than 100 litres	350
(f) 100 litres or more but less than 200 litres	400
(g) 200 litres or more but less than 500 litres	450
(h) 500 litres or more but less than 1,000 litres	600
(i) 1,000 litres or more	1000

PART 11

FEES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Service	Fees Units
1. Denominating a weight or measure	200
2. Affixing a solder pad, stud plug or seal	200
3. Permit for use of un-verified instrument—double the testing fees—	
4. Examination of instrument for approval under section 15 in addition to the appropriate fees, plus attendance fee, travelling allowance etc	4,000
5. (i) Examination for, and issue of local service licence to a local applicant	3,000
(ii) Examination for and issue of a service licence to a foreign applicant	10,000
6. Renewal of service licence	3,000
7. Replacement of a die	2000
8. Inspection of net content at—	
(i) Small or Medium Enterprise	600
(ii) Large Enterprise	900
9. Where any instrument has not been re-verified since its last verification, a fee equal to the current verification fee for such an instrument shall be charged for each period the instrument had not been submitted for re-verification in addition to the current verification fees effective from the date these Regulations come into force	

PART 111

ATTENDANCE FEES

1. Within the area of a city or municipal council	200
2. Outside the area of a city or municipal council, but not more than 20 kilometers from its boundary	300
3. Outside a city or municipal council, but not more than 40 kilometers from its boundary	700
4. Where staff are required to attend at a distance exceeding 80 kilometers, such costs not exceeding the cost to Government of the service rendered, plus, lodging and mileage shall be charged in addition to any fee set out for verification or adjusting as set out herein.	

PART IV

HIRE CHARGES AND DELAY CHARGES

Where a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer, fitter or any person contracts to hire the testing equipment belonging to the Government, without the attendance of a metrologist, a hire charge of 3000 fee units per day for the first 5 days and 4000 fee units per day thereafter, shall be charged in addition to any subsequent test fee.

PART V

WEIGH BRIDGE

1. When a contractor, scale-maker, erector, repairer or any person acting for a local applicant or a foreign applicant fails to complete the submission and verifying of a single weighbridge in a full working day a delay charge of 2,000 fee units per day shall be charged for each day the work is not completed.
2. A full working day is a period of eight hours whether continuous or not on consecutive days.
3. The hirer shall have the service of a competent driver and crane handy man and shall ensure both equipment and staff for all risks during the period they are engaged on the hirer's premises.

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