

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER, LEGAL METROLOGY, VIJAYAWADA**

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Sub: Technical - Department of Legal Metrology - Verification and Stamping of New Articles (New Weighing and Measuring Instruments) - Certain comprehensive instructions /guidelines issued, in exercise of the powers vested with the Controller under Rule 30 r/w Rule 2(g) of A.P. Legal Metrology Enforcement Rules 2011 - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Cir.Memo.No.2936/T1/2012 dt 3-07-2012 of the CLM, AP.
2. Cir.Memo.659/T/2015 dt 03-04-2015 of the CLM, AP.
3. Guidelines of Director of Legal Metrology, New Delhi vide Lr. No. WM-9(32)/2015, dated 22-5-2015
4. Review meeting of Controller, Legal Metrology, Vijayawada on 16-11-2017 with Manufacturers/Dealers/Officers of Legal Metrology.

Whereas, several instances have come to the notice of the Department that many of the licenced manufacturers, after manufacturing the new articles (weights and measures) particularly the weighing & measuring instruments, either selling the same to the licenced dealer or selling the same directly to the end user, without themselves possessing a valid dealing licence and also without duly getting the said weighing and measuring instruments initially verified and stamped by the concerned Dist. Inspector, thereby violating the provisions laid down under sec. 23 r/w sec. 2(b) and sec. 33 of Legal Metrology Act, 2009, and also causing significant leakage of revenue to the Government

Further, it has also come to the notice of the undersigned that the Licenced Dealers after purchasing the weighing and measuring instruments, which are manufactured and stamped in the States other than the State of A.P. and the Dealers in turn, are selling the same to end users / traders, without getting the same, duly re-verified and stamped in the State of A.P., even though the validity the stamp, which is done in the State of Manufacturers other than A.P, becomes null and void, as per Rule 20 of A.P.L.M. (enforcement) Rules, 2011 and again causing leakage of revenue to the Government exchequer.

And it is also noticed that, many of the manufacturers of the weighing and measuring instruments are allotting serial /machine numbers to their manufactured weighing instruments without any rationality making it difficult for authorities to ascertain the exact number of weighing instruments that are manufactured by the manufacturers of the State.

Keeping the above in view, the Controller, Legal Metrology convened a meeting with the representatives of the Manufacturers and Dealers and with all the Asst. Controllers, Deputy Controllers and certain Dist. Inspectors on 16-11-2017 at Vijayawada to know the actual problems that are being faced by the Manufacturers and Dealers in implementation of the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and Enforcement Rules strictly so as to avoid any chance of leakage of Revenue in this regard.

After having examined and considered the deliberations and discussions, as above, to redress the issues /problems of the Manufacturers and Dealers, for implementation of the provisions of L.M. Act and Enforcement Rules and to avoid any chance of leakage of revenue, in this regard and also to bring about uniform procedure and transparency, in this regard, the following instructions/guidelines are issued, to all the stake holders, in exercise of the powers vested with the Controller under Rule 30 r/w Rule 2(g) of A.P. Legal Metrology Enforcement Rules 2011, keeping in view of the related provisions of LM Act and Enforcement Rules and also that of the guidelines issued by the Director, L.M., New Delhi under 13(8) of L.M. Act 2009, vide reference 3rd cited.

1. The Manufacturers, after manufacturing the Weights & Measures, particularly the weighing and measuring instruments shall assign/ allot serial number (Machine No.) to each and every weighing instrument manufactured by them in the following pattern, and invariably mark the same on the descriptive marking plate which shall be fixed to each and every weighing instrument manufactured by each manufacturer for the sake of identification and all the manufacturers shall adopt this procedure invariably from 01-01-2018 onwards.

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1. AP (name of the state)
2. **Brand Name of the firm** (first Five/six letters of the Brand name)
3. Year of manufacturer (last two digits of the year of manufacture)
4. Series of the machine
5. Serial Number of the machine irrespective of capacity and Series. (Continuous serial number for each machine Manufactured)

Example: for the manufacturer firm named say MICRON
Serial Number be given as AP-MICRON18CLXXXX

2. The Manufacturers, after following the procedure as mentioned in point No.1, shall update the register to be maintained in the prescribed proforma under Form- LM-4 of Schedule VII A of Rule 13 of Enforcement Rules 2011, by making date wise entries, with regard to the quantity of the weighing instruments that are manufactured during the month, date wise with serial number of the machines to be mentioned in column No. 4 of the said register and they shall to submit periodical reports and returns in Form LM-5 of Schedule VII B of Rule 13, once in every three months

3. The Manufacturers, after following the procedure as mentioned in point No.2, before selling all the weighing and measuring instruments, upto the maximum capacity of 50kg. irrespective of accuracy class, if they are not required to be dismantled and calibrated at the place of its use, shall have to get them verified and stamped by the concerned Dist. Inspector in order to comply with the provisions laid down under Sec. 33 of L.M. Act 2009.

4. The Manufacturers, shall, after having manufactured the weights and measures in the foregoing manner, present the same along with the requisition forms of indent, which are serially numbered, to the concerned Dist. Inspector, three days in advance, requesting to attend the Verification and stamping of the New weighing and measuring instruments that are manufactured by them during such period, with details of No. of weighing and measuring instruments with serial number, capacity, e-value, accuracy class and also along with the details of demand draft or Treasury Challan for the amount that is paid towards the verification and stamping fee for the total No. of weighing and measuring instruments that are presented/produced before the concerned Dist. Inspector for verification. The Manufacturers / Dealers shall, at any point of time maintain/use only one Book containing the serially numbered requisition forms for verification, after exhausting the same only the next book will be put into use. The Dist. Inspectors shall also ensure that the new articles that are presented to them for verification, are in serial order.

