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Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
Legal Metrology Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 11.4.2014

To,

The Controller of Legal Metrology,  
All States/ UTs

**Subject: Verification and Stamping of weights and measures under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and rules made there under.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to state that Section 24(1) of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 states that:

**"24. Verification and stamping of weight or measure. (1) Every person having any weight or measure in his possession, custody or control in circumstances indicating that such weight or measure is being, or is intended or is likely to be, used by him in any *transaction or for protection*, shall, before putting such weight or measure into such use, have such weight or measure verified at such place and during such hours as the Controller may, by general or special order, specify in this behalf, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed."**

Where the words transaction and protection are defined under Section 2(u) and Section 2(k) of the said Act as follows:

"2 (u) **"transaction"** means,-

- (i) any contract, whether for sale, purchase, exchange or any other purpose, or
- (ii) any assessment of royalty, toll, duty or other dues, or
- (iii) the assessment of any work done, wages due or services rendered;

2 (k) **"protection"** means the utilization of reading obtained from any weight or measure, for the purpose of determining any step which is required to be taken to safeguard the well-being of any human being or animal, or to protect any commodity, vegetation or thing, whether individually or collectively;"

2. Therefore the weights and measures used for any transaction and for protection shall only be verified and stamped. The enforcement officers may kindly be directed to verify and stamp only those weights and measures, which are covered under the terms transaction and protection defined under the Act.

3. Further the enforcement officers may kindly be directed not to insist for the verification of weights and measures used for any intermediatory processes in the industries during industrial production, as these weights and measures do not affect the quantity delivered to the consumers and are not used for any transaction.

Yours faithfully



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