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2 CSR 90-23.010 NIST Handbook 133, Technical Procedures and Methods for Measuring and Inspecting Packages or Amounts of Commodities

PURPOSE: This rule updates inspection procedures of prepacked commodities and merchandise.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

SUMMARY: NIST Handbook 133 provides procedures to test (by using statistical sampling techniques) individual lots of packages for conformance with legal requirements. Anything that is put into a container, wrapped, or banded and labeled as to quantity may be inspected. The labeled quantity may be of weight, volume, linear, square or cubic measure, count or combination. The examination of packaged commodities may be to determine conformance with federal, state or local net contents labeling regulations. Most often, compliance testing of packaged goods is carried out to protect the consumer/purchaser against buying packages with less in them than the labeled quantity and to advise the manufacturer to improve delivered product quantities when necessary. Inspection for compliance with other labeling requirements (such as size of lettering or units of measurement) also may accompany package quantity compliance testing, but is not covered in this document.


(2) The director of the Department of Agriculture or a designated subordinate shall amend this rule as each new addition, amendment or revision of Handbook 133 is published and becomes available. Should any portion of Handbook 133 be deemed unacceptable, rules will be promulgated within this chapter denoting and excepting those portions and adopting alternative provisions as deemed necessary by the director of the Department of Agriculture.
