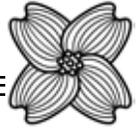




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TITLE 2 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Division 90 – Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection
Chapter 21 – Weighing and Measuring Devices

2 CSR 90-21.010 Registration of Servicepersons and Service Agencies

PURPOSE: This rule covers guidelines pertaining to the registration of servicemen for commercial weighing devices (formerly listed as Regulation 8).

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that publication of the entire text of the material that 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 130* covers the registration of servicepersons and service agencies, which promotes uniformity among jurisdictions that provide for or are contemplating the establishment of some type of control over the servicing of commercial weighing and measuring devices.

(1) The rule for the Division of Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection for Voluntary Registration of Servicepersons and Service Agencies for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices shall incorporate by reference the section of the *NIST Handbook 130*, 2023 Edition, entitled "Uniform Regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Servicepersons and Service Agencies for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices." *NIST Handbook 130*, 2023 Edition, is published by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Publishing Office, and is available free of charge online at www.NIST.gov or a hard copy may be purchased from the National Conference on Weights and Measures at www.NCWM.net. This regulation does not include any later amendments or additions to *NIST Handbook 130*.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, the following terms shall mean –

(A) Calibration certificate – a certificate that indicates a mass or volume standard has a traceable calibration;

(B) Registration card – a card issued by the Division of Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection that indicates a serviceperson's name, registration number, date of issuance, scope of work the person is allowed to perform, and the expiration date of the calibration certificate associated with the person's equipment;

(C) Service agency – a company performing installation, repair, or calibration on a weighing or measuring device;

(D) Service work – installation, repair, or calibration performed on a weighing or measuring device that is placed into service for commercial purposes; and

(E) Serviceperson – an employee of a service agency performing installation, repair, or calibration on a weighing or measuring device.

(3) Registration of Servicepersons and Service Agencies. Any serviceperson or service agency that places a weighing and measuring device into service or restores a device to service shall be registered with the Division of Weights, Measures and

Consumer Protection by submitting an application. Companies that are calibrating commercial weighing and measuring devices in the field are required to submit calibration certificates along with their application and must maintain calibrated equipment that is less than two (2) years from the date of calibration. Any company that does not perform calibration work, but is still placing a commercial weighing or measuring device into service, is exempt from submitting calibration certificates with their application. All registration fees are due to the division annually on July 1 and are to include a one hundred dollar (\$100) registration fee for any service agency and a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee for every serviceperson. No serviceperson or service agency shall place into service a commercial weighing or measuring device without payment of the annual fee.

(4) New Registrations. Any unregistered serviceperson or service agency can register with the division at any time during the calendar year but must do so before performing service work in this state.

(5) Registration Card Expiration. Registration cards shall expire two (2) years from the oldest date of calibration on the calibration certificate(s) submitted on the application or submitted for renewal and may be renewed by that date to avoid expiration. Companies that are exempted from submitting calibration certificates in section (3) will be issued registration cards that expire two (2) years from the date the application was received.

(6) Registration Card Renewal. Any serviceperson or service agency may renew their registration card(s) by submitting the serviceperson name(s), registration number(s), and current calibration certificate(s) to the Division of Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection.

(7) All service work performed on a weighing or measuring device shall be performed with calibrated equipment or shall be deemed invalid. Should the division determine that a device has been improperly placed into service, an official rejection tag shall be placed on the device until a proper placed-in-service report is received by the department.

(8) Placed-in-Service Report. Within twenty-four (24) hours after a device is restored to service or placed in service, the original of the properly executed placed-in-service report, together with any official rejection tag removed from the device, shall be forwarded to MDA – Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection Division, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0630 or faxed to (573) 751-0281.

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2 CSR 90-21.020 Sale and Installation of Scales
(Rescinded April 11, 1985)



AUTHORITY: section 413.335, RSMo 1978. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Amended: Filed Nov. 14, 1977, effective April 13, 1978. Rescinded: Filed Jan. 15, 1985, effective April 11, 1985.

2 CSR 90-21.025 Intervals to Inspect and Test Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices

PURPOSE: This rule sets intervals at which commercial devices will be inspected and tested.

(1) Pursuant to subdivision 7 of section 413.065, RSMo, all commercial devices shall be sealed by the director annually.

AUTHORITY: section 413.065, RSMo 1994. Original rule filed Sept. 27, 1995, effective April 30, 1996.*

**Original authority: 413.065, RSMo 1983, amended 1993, 1994, 1995.*

2 CSR 90-21.030 Requirements for Pit Type Scales

PURPOSE: This rule covers installation requirements for pit type scales.

(1) The minimum pit depth, measured from the bottom of the weighbridge main beams to the floor of the pit, shall be twenty-four inches (24") for load cell or two (2) section lever-type vehicle and axle-load scales, thirty-two inches (32") for three (3) or more section lever-type vehicle scales, and forty-eight inches (48") for scales used for weighing livestock.

(2) The pit floor shall be of concrete sloped to a drain or sump, or both, located in close proximity to the entrance of the pit.

(3) One (1) opening shall be provided in the scale platform, pit neck covering or pit wall to provide access to the pit, except that two (2) openings shall be provided in the platform for scales with platforms longer than forty feet (40') for axle-load and vehicle scales.

(4) Openings in the scale platform or pit neck cover shall be either a circle of not less than twenty-four inches (24") in diameter or a square with at least twenty-two inch (22") sides.

(5) An entrance through a pit wall shall be a minimum of three feet (3') wide. The top of the opening shall not be lower than the bottom of the main girders and the bottom of the opening shall be approximately even with the floor. The center line of any lever extending through a pit wall opening shall be at least twenty-seven inches (27") from one (1) side of the opening.

(6) Main load bearing piers shall be of concrete poured to a depth lower than the local frost line. They shall be of monolithic construction with the walls or tied to the walls or floor with reinforcing steel. Steel perimeter coping shall be installed around the inside edge of the top of the pit walls. Adequate provisions shall be included in the pit wall to prevent damage by platform restraint devices.

(7) Approaches to Pit Type Scales.

(A) Vehicle Scales. On the entrance and exit ends of a vehicles scale there shall be a straight approach a) the width at least the width of the platform, b) the length at least one-half (1/2)

the length of the platform, but not required to be more than forty feet (40') and c) not less than ten feet (10') of any approach adjacent to the platform shall be constructed of concrete or similar durable material to insure that this portion remains smooth and level and in the same plane as the platform. However, grating of sufficient strength to withstand all loads equal to the concentrated load capacity of the scale may be installed in this portion. Any slope in the remaining portion of the approach shall ensure ease of vehicle access, ease for testing purposes, and drainage away from the scale.

(B) Axle-Load Scales. At each end of an axle-load scale there shall be a straight paved approach in the same plane as the platform. The approaches shall be the same width as the platform and of sufficient length to insure the level positioning of vehicles during weight determinations.

(C) Livestock Scales. Approaches shall be of reinforced concrete. On at least one (1) entrance there shall be a ten-foot (10') approach at least as wide as the gate with a minimum gate width of four and one-half feet (4 1/2'), accessible for movement of test weights to the scale platform. This approach may be on an incline from the scale platform, but not such that would hamper the movement of test weights onto the scale platform.

1. Livestock scales installed prior to July 1, 1998, shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (7)(C) of this rule.

(D) Railroad Track Scales. Approach rails must be installed in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the *AAR Scale Handbook*.

(8) All scale pit walls having traffic adjacent shall be reinforced to withstand traffic pressures.

(9) All scale pits shall have 110-volt alternating current (AC) outlets and permanent lights.

(10) Mechanical indicators shall be mounted on steel or concrete and made integral with the scale pit.

(11) If any provision of these rules is declared invalid, the validity of the remainder of these rules shall not be affected.

AUTHORITY: section 413.065, RSMo Supp. 1997. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Amended: Filed Nov. 14, 1977, effective April 13, 1978. Amended: Filed April 22, 1981, effective Sept. 11, 1981. Amended: Filed Nov. 3, 1997, effective May 30, 1998.*

**Original authority: 413.065, RSMo 1983, amended 1993, 1994, 1995.*

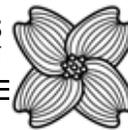
2 CSR 90-21.040 Portable or Self-Contained Scale Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule covers the installation of portable or self-contained scales for use in semi-permanent locations for less than one hundred eighty days.

(1) Portable or self-contained scales may be used commercially for weighing soil, lime, gravel, sand, cement, and other building material when installed in accordance with the original scale manufacturer's recommendations.

(2) Approaches to Portable or Self-Contained Scales.

(A) Approaches shall be at least the width of the platform, at least one-half (1/2) the length of the platform but not required to be more than forty feet (40') and not less than ten feet (10') of any approach adjacent to the platform shall be constructed



to insure that this portion remains smooth and level and in the same plane as the platform. Any slope in the remaining portion of the approach shall ensure ease of vehicle access, ease for testing purposes, and drainage away from the scale.

(3) The indicating element shall be in a weatherproof housing and shall not be openly exposed to the elements. All mechanical indicators shall be mounted on a concrete pier or slab.

(4) Tolerances shall be as defined in the current edition of *NIST Handbook 44* for commercial weighing devices. All scales represented as complying with this rule shall meet all of the standards specified and all applicable specifications and performance requirements of the current edition *NIST Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*.

(5) Sides of the scale are not required to be enclosed unless the scale is located in an area where air currents will affect weighments.

(6) Requirements of section 413.175, RSMo must be met prior to the actual installation of devices covered in this rule. Following installation, any device covered in this rule must be calibrated and placed in service by a registered Missouri scale serviceman or officially examined by Missouri Weights and Measures Division before the device can be used in commercial service.

(7) If any provision of these rules is declared invalid, the validity of the remainder of these rules shall not be affected.

AUTHORITY: section 413.065, RSMo Supp. 1997. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Rescinded: Filed Nov. 14, 1977, effective April 13, 1978. Readopted: Filed April 22, 1981, effective Sept. 11, 1981. Amended: Filed Jan. 15, 1985, effective April 11, 1985. Amended: Filed April 11, 1994, effective Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed Nov. 3, 1997, effective May 30, 1998.*

**Original authority: 413.065, RSMo 1983, amended 1993, 1994, 1995.*

2 CSR 90-21.050 Requirements for Pitless Scales

PURPOSE: This rule covers installation requirements for pitless scales.

(1) This rule shall apply to the installation of vehicle, axle-load and livestock scales of pitless full electronic or mechanical and self-contained electronic or mechanical design being installed in one (1) permanent location for more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

(A) A pitless scale may be installed in a pit; however, all pit requirements of 2 CSR 90-21.030 must be met.

(2) All scales represented as complying with this rule shall meet all of the standards specified and all applicable specifications and performance requirements of the current edition of *National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*.

(3) Whenever the provisions of this rule call for the use of reinforced concrete, the concrete shall be of grade and reinforced in the manner consistent with the guidelines established by the American Concrete Institute.

(4) A suitable foundation must be provided for the scale to rest on. This foundation should meet the following minimum requirements:

(A) Adequate bearing area to match piers to existing soil bearing capabilities stabilized at the desired grade (elevation) to support at least three thousand (3000) pounds per square foot in pier locations;

(B) The scale foundations installer shall be responsible for determining whether or not soil characteristics meet the requirements of subsections (4)(A) for a particular design, by employing a penetrometer or plate-bearing test using proper American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) guidelines. If soil conditions do not meet those requirements, the installer shall notify the owner; and the owner shall arrange for spread footing design modifications to suit the existing soil conditions;

(C) The scale may be installed above the ground; however, the installation should be such that surface water will drain away from the scale area; and

(D) Access to critical scale parts must be provided to permit proper inspection, servicing and cleaning.

(5) Piers.

(A) Piers shall be of reinforced concrete poured to the depth of the local frost line but not less than three feet (3').

(B) All piers must be interlocked by a solid reinforced concrete slab with a minimum thickness of six inches (6"). This slab may be below the top of the piers to promote access and cleanout; or by reinforced concrete sides with a minimum thickness of twelve inches (12") and the same depth as the piers in which case the horizontal area between the piers will be of concrete with a minimum thickness of three inches (3"), not necessarily tied to the piers or in the same plan, to promote cleanliness.

(C) Piers must support the combined loads applied by the weight of the scale, the weighbridge, plus the maximum anticipated load on the scale and must distribute these loads evenly over the underlying ground so that any settlement of the structure shall be as little as possible and that settlement shall be uniform throughout the structure.

(D) Reinforcing should extend the entire width of the piers and be of a minimum schedule consistent with the American Concrete Guidelines.

(E) Anchor bolts for check stands and load cell stands shall be of the embedded type or thunderstuds if installed in accordance with good engineering practice to assure that those working parts of the scale remain securely anchored during normal and reasonable use of the scale.

(6) On scales with a mechanical indicating element, the element shall be mounted on a firm foundation which is adequate to prevent deflection or vibration.

(7) Approaches to Pit Type Scales.

(A) Vehicle Scales. On the entrance and exit ends of a vehicle scale there shall be a straight approach a) the width at least the width of the platform, b) the length at least one-half (1/2) the length of the platform but not required to be more than forty feet (40'), and c) not less than ten feet (10') of any approach adjacent to the platform shall be constructed of concrete or similar durable material to ensure that this portion remains smooth and level and in the same plane as the platform. However, grating of sufficient strength to withstand all loads equal to the concentrated load capacity of the scale may be installed in this portion. Any slope in the remaining portion of the approach shall ensure ease of vehicle access, ease for testing purposes, and drainage away from the scale.



(B) Axle-Load Scales. At each end of an axle-load scale there shall be a straight paved approach in the same plane as the platform. The approaches shall be the same width as the platform and of sufficient length to insure the level positioning of vehicles during weight determinations.

(C) Livestock Scales. Approaches shall be of reinforced concrete. On at least one (1) entrance there shall be a ten-foot (10') approach at least as wide as the gate with a minimum gate width of four and one-half feet (4 1/2'), accessible for movement of test weights to the scale platform. This approach may be on an incline from the scale platform, but not such that would hamper the movement of test weights onto the scale platform.

1. Livestock scales installed prior to July 1, 1998, shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (7)(C) of this rule.

(D) Railroad Track Scales. Approach rails must be installed in accordance with requirements as outlined in the *AAR Scale Handbook*.

(8) The lever fulcrum stands or load cell stands shall be so designed, constructed and installed that under any practical conditions of loading, the resultant force through the bearings or load cell(s) will fall within the middle third of the length and width of the base.

(9) Means shall be provided to restrict motion of the weighbridge or platform, not to exceed one-quarter inch (1/4") in any horizontal direction unless the manufacturer proves this unnecessary for a particular design.

(10) Electronic, hydraulic and mechanical indicating elements, where used, shall be installed in a location and in a manner to assure continuous accurate performance under all ambient conditions.

(11) Load cells employed in vehicle scales shall meet the following minimum standards.

(A) The output characteristics of the load cells shall be such that they will not cause the systems performance to vary beyond allowable tolerances; and

(B) Each individual load cell shall be capable of withstanding loads equal to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of its rated capacity without change in span calibration. Each load cell support structure shall be capable of withstanding loads equal to three hundred percent (300%) of the rated capacity of the cell without physical failure of the structure.

(12) All cabling between load cells, junction boxes and electronic instrumentation shall be shielded and grounded as recommended by the original scale manufacturer. The ground shall be a copper clad rod which, whenever possible, shall be driven to a depth of the water table. Connection between the ground rod and the common ground points of the system shall be made with heavy copper wire of No. 10 gauge or larger. All cables shall be insulated with materials having good nonhygroscopic qualities and stable capacitance between conductors. All cable connections, as well as the cell itself, shall be properly protected against moisture penetration. Load cell cables physically shall be separated from power cables and never shall be run in the same conduit.

(13) The power source for the electronic instrumentation shall be free from harmonics and electrical noise transients.

(A) The power source shall be on a separate circuit back to the distribution transformer with no other loads connected, unless it can be demonstrated that the other live loads will not

affect the accuracy of the instrumentation.

(B) One (1) side of the power source should be at ground potential.

(14) Individual requirements of sections (12) and (13) may be waived if the manufacturer or installer demonstrates other means of providing adequate protection against moisture, radio frequency interference (R.F.I.), lightning and power surges.

(15) Pitless scales installed prior to April 11, 1985, shall be exempted from the requirements of this rule.

(16) Requirements of section 413.175, RSMo must be met prior to the actual installation of devices covered in this rule. Following installation, any device covered in this rule must be calibrated and placed in service by a registered Missouri scale serviceman or officially examined by Missouri Weights and Measures Division before the device can be used in commercial service.

(17) If any provision of these rules is declared invalid, the validity of the remainder of these rules shall not be affected.

AUTHORITY: section 413.065, RSMo Supp. 1997. Original rule filed Jan. 15, 1985, effective April 11, 1985. Amended: Filed April 14, 1994, effective Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed Nov. 3, 1997, effective May 30, 1998.*

**Original authority: 413.065, RSMo 1983, amended 1993, 1994, 1995.*

2 CSR 90-21.060 National Type Evaluation Regulation

PURPOSE: This rule adopts uniform guidelines established by the National Conference on Weights and Measures pertaining to the type evaluation of weighing and measuring devices.

(1) The Division of Weights, Measures and Consumer Protection shall use the guidelines established by the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) for examining weighing and measuring devices for type evaluation.

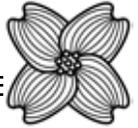
(2) This rule shall apply to all classes of devices and/or equipment as covered in the current editions of *NIST Handbooks 44, 105-1-105-3*.

(3) For the purpose of this rule the following definitions shall apply:

(A) National Type Evaluation Program means a program of cooperation between the National Conference on Weights and Measures, National Institute of Standards and Technology, other federal agencies, the state and the private sector for determining uniform conformance of a type with the relevant provisions of *NIST Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, and *National Conference on Weights and Measures, Publication 14, National Type Evaluation Program, Administrative Procedures, Technical Policy, Checklists, and Test Procedures*;

(B) Type evaluation means the testing, examination, evaluation, or both, of a type by a participating laboratory under the National Type Evaluation Program;

(C) Type means a model(s) of a particular measurement system, instrument, element or a field standard that positively identifies the design. A specific type may vary in its measurement ranges, size, performance and operating



characteristics as specified in the certificate of conformance;

(D) Participating laboratory means any state measurement laboratory that has been certified by the NCWM, in accordance with its program for the certification of capability of state measurement laboratories, to conduct a type evaluation under the National Type Evaluation Program;

(E) Certificate of conformance means a document issued by the NCWM based on testing in participating laboratories and constituting evidence of conformance of a type with the requirements of *NIST Handbooks 44, 105-1, 105-2 or 105-3*; and

(F) Director means the director of the Department of Agriculture.

(4) The director may require any weight or measure or any weighing or measuring instrument or device to be issued a certificate of conformance prior to use for commercial or law enforcement purposes.

(5) The director is authorized to operate a participating laboratory as part of the National Type Evaluation Program and to charge and collect fees for type evaluation services.

AUTHORITY: section 413.065, RSMo 2000. Original rule filed March 29, 1989, effective June 11, 1989. Amended: Filed Dec. 11, 1991, effective April 9, 1992. Amended: Filed April 14, 1994, effective Sept. 30, 1994. Amended: Filed Oct. 24, 2000, effective May 30, 2001. Non-substantive change filed June 27, 2018, published Aug. 31, 2018.*

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