L.N. 223 of 2011

METROLOGY ACT
(CAP. 454)

Measurements subject to Metrological Control Regulations, 2011

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 12 and 19 (1) (a) of the Metrology Act, the Prime Minister, on the advice of the Malta Standards Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Title.

1. The title of these regulations is the Measurements subject to Metrological Control Regulations, 2011.

Interpretation.

2. For the purposes of these regulations, 'Metrological control' means all the administrative and technical actions intended to check measuring instruments and their metrological requirements for reasons of public interest, public health, public safety, public order, protection of the environment, protection of consumers, levying of taxes and duties, calculation of tariffs, fees, administrative penalties, conduct of expert assessments and establishment of basic guarantees for fair trade and all other actions which may be laid down in due form.

Initial verification.

3. The following measuring instruments shall undergo initial verification as from 1st June 2011:

(a) Instruments for measuring the speed of road vehicles;

(b) Time interval measuring.

Initial verification shall seek to ensure that the measuring instrument to be placed on the market conform to an approved

pattern and to the applicable regulations, have specified metrological characteristics that lie within the permissible limits, and function properly.

Prior to placing the measuring instrument on the market, an application for initial verification shall be lodged with the Metrology Directorate of the Malta Standards Authority by the person placing the instrument on the market. The application shall include, as a minimum, the following information:

(a) identification data of the applicant;

(b) name and address;

(c) identification data of the submitted measuring instrument;

(d) name or trademark, if applicable;

(e) label or name of the manufacturer;

(f) measurement range, if applicable;

(g) serial number and if a batch of measuring instruments is reported - the number of measuring instruments in the batch and the range of serial numbers of these instruments;

(h) the assigned type approval mark or the number of the type approval decision or the decision on recognition as equivalent to the type approval – in the case of a measuring instrument subject to type approval and submitted for initial verification;

(i) date and signature of the applicant.

Periodical metrological control.

4. The categories and types of measuring instruments listed in the schedule to these regulations shall be subjected to periodical legal metrological control according to the conditions laid down therein.

5. Any person who contravenes any of these regulations shall, on conviction, be liable to the penalties established by virtue of article 27 of the Metrology Act. Penalties.

6. The provisions of these regulations do not hinder the marketing of products legally manufactured or marketed in another Member State, contracting parties to the EEA Agreement and Turkey. Mutual recognition.

Schedule

Regulation 4.

List of the dates of entry into force and frequency of periodical metrological control

Category	As From	Type	Frequency
Instruments for measuring the speed of road vehicles	1st June 2011	Speed cameras	Annually
Systems for continuous and dynamic measurement of quantities of liquids, other than water	1st September 2011	Fuel dispensers	Annually
Taximeters	1st September 2011	Electronic taximeters	Annually
Time interval measuring instruments	1st June 2011	Time cameras (CVA)	Annually
Non-automatic weighing instruments	1st September 2011	Weights for general trade	Five years
	1st September 2011	Weights for trade of valuable goods	Three years
Automatic weighing instruments	1st September 2011	LPG Bottling	Annually
	1st September 2011	Digital or electronic weighing machine	Five years
	1st September 2011	Weighbridges	Annually
	1st September 2011	Catchweighers	Two years

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