

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 66

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE METROLOGY ACT, 2004

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 23(2) OF THE METROLOGY  
ACT, 2004 AND SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE METROLOGY (QUANTITIES OF GOODS)  
REGULATIONS, 2015

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Metrology (Quantities of Goods) Regulations, 2015.

2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation

“Act” means the Metrology Act, 2004;

“drained weight” means the weight of a solid or semi-solid product representing the contents of a package obtained after a prescribed method for removal of the liquid has been employed;

“label” means any written, printed, or graphic matter affixed to, attached to, blown into, formed or moulded into, embossed on, or appearing upon a package containing any product for purposes of branding, identifying, or giving any information with respect to the product or to the contents of the package;

“multi-piece package” means a package comprised of two or more pre-packed articles;

“net quantity”, in relation to goods, means the quantity of the identified goods in a package exclusive of wrappers and any other material packed with the goods;

“net weight”, in relation to a pre-package, means the weight of the contents of the pre-package without its container or wrapping;

“nominal quantity” means the weight or volume indicated on the pre-package as the quantity of goods which the pre-package contains;

“pre-package” means the combination of a product and the packing material in which it is pre-packed for sale; and

“purported quantity” means the net quantity of a pre-packed product as declared, stated or implied.

- Application            3. These Regulations apply to quantities and the expression of those quantities in connection with the trade in certain classes of goods.
- Sale of goods  
Schedule 1            4. On the sale of goods of one of the classes set out in Schedule 1, the seller shall make known to the buyer the quantity of the goods expressed in the applicable units of measurement shown in that Schedule.
- Declaration of  
quantity            5. (1) The seller shall ensure that all pre-packed goods bear a declaration of the net quantity of the goods on the principal display panel.
- (2) A declaration of net quantity shall be conspicuous and legible—
- (a) at the initial place of packaging;
- (b) at importation; or
- (c) at the place where the good is offered for sale.
- (3) Where the dimension, weight, or combination thereof, of a pre-packed good has a relationship to the price of those goods, the seller shall ensure that the declaration of net quantity on the package containing that good includes a declaration as to such dimension, weight or combination.
- (4) Where pre-packed goods are not likely to undergo any variation in weight or measure on account of the environmental conditions, the seller shall ensure that the net quantity declared on the package shall correspond to the net quantity which will be received by the buyer, and the declaration of net quantity of the goods on the package shall not be qualified by the words “when packed” or the like.
- (5) Where pre-packed goods are likely to undergo variations in weight or measure on account of environmental conditions and such variation is negligible, the seller shall ensure that the declaration of net quantity in relation to the package shall be made after taking into account the variation in order that the buyer may receive not less than the net quantity of the goods as declared on the package, and the declaration of net quantity on the package shall not be qualified by the words “when packed” or the like.
- (6) Subject to subregulation (7), the seller shall ensure that a multi-piece package is labelled both with the number of pre-packed articles they comprise and the net quantity of each, expressed in the applicable units of measurement.
- (7) Where individual pieces contained in a multi-piece package are packaged or labelled separately and are capable of being sold separately, the seller shall ensure that each piece bears a declaration of net quantity.

(8) In the case of solid goods contained in a free flowing liquid which is sold as such, the seller shall ensure that the declaration of net quantity is in terms of the drained weight of the solid goods.

(9) The seller shall ensure that the net quantity of goods is expressed in terms of the largest whole unit of mass, volume, length, area, or a combination of these units as would give accurate and adequate information to the buyer with regard to the quantity of the goods contained in the package.

(10) The abbreviations of units of measurement and the symbols to be used are set out in the First to the Fifth Schedules of the Act.

(11) The declaration of net quantity of a good shall be expressed as—

- (a) volume, if the good is liquid or viscous or if sold by cubic measure;
- (b) mass, if the good is solid, semi-solid or viscous, a mixture of solid and liquid, or the solid part of a mixture of a solid and liquid;
- (c) length, if the good is sold by linear measure;
- (d) area, if the good is sold by area measure; and
- (e) number, if the good is sold by number.

(12) In the case of goods packed in a container designed to deliver the goods under pressure, the declaration of net quantity shall be expressed in kilogram, gram or milligram and shall state—

- (a) the net quantity in mass that will be expelled when the instructions for use are followed; and
- (b) that the propellant is included in the net quantity.

6. (1) Goods of the classes set out in Schedule 1 are to be sold only by net quantity expressed as prescribed in that Schedule. Expression of quantity

(2) Subject to regulation 7, where a pre-packed article comprises a mixture of goods of more than one of the classes set out in Schedule 1, the seller shall ensure that the net quantity of the whole pre-packed article is expressed on the label in units of measurement of mass.

(3) Pre-packed goods of the classes set out in Schedule 2 shall not be labelled with a statement of purported quantity that is qualified as provided for in section 10(3) of the Act. Schedule 2

Limitations

7. Nothing in regulations 4 and 6 applies to—

- (a) food which, not being a pre-packed good, is sold for consumption on, or in the vicinity of the premises of the seller;
- (b) food which, not being a pre-packed good, is cooked on the premises of the seller and ready for immediate consumption;
- (c) baked confectionery; and
- (d) goods of the classes permitted to be sold and pre-packed by quantity expressed by number when the number sold or pre-packed is one.

Vending  
machines

8. (1) The owner of a vending machine which dispenses pre-packed goods shall ensure that the vending machine indicates—

- (a) the net quantity of each article of the good; and
- (b) the name and address of the seller.

(2) The requirements of subregulation (1)(a) and (b) shall be met either by the display on the package or by information posted on the outside of the vending machine.

(3) The owner of a coin-operated machine which is used in connection with the provision of a service or facility on the basis of measurement shall ensure that the coin-operated machine displays the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the person providing the service or facility; and
- (b) a statement as to the measurement on the basis of which the service or facility is offered.

## SCHEDULE 1

TABLE 1—CLASSES OF GOODS WHICH ARE TO BE SOLD ONLY BY NET QUANTITY EXPRESSED IN UNITS OF VOLUME, MASS, NUMBER, LENGTH

PART (A)	MEASUREMENT OF VOLUME
CLASS NO.	DESCRIPTION
1A	All liquid foods, ice cream; water ices
2A	Liquid fuels other than LPG; white spirit; turpentine; turpentine substitute; liquid rust removers; paint thinners; cleaning fluids
3A	Automobile lubricating oil; automobile automatic transmission fluid
4A	Non-food oils other than those included in Class 3A
5A	Paints; varnishes; cellulose; enamels; lacquers; wood preservative fluids (including fungicides). (Good packed in aerosol dispensers excluded)
6A	Brake fluid; automobile engine additives for fuel and lubricating oil; automobile engine coolant goods; battery electrolyte; distilled and de-ionized water
7A	Liquid perfumery and toilet preparations. (Good packed in aerosol dispensers excluded)
8A	Liquid soaps; liquid detergents; liquid bleaches
9A	Liquid fertilizers of the soil
10A	Liquid pesticides and insecticides (Good packed in aerosol containers excluded)
11A	Liquid polishes (Good packed in aerosol containers excluded)
12A	Liquid adhesives
13A	Liquid inks; liquid dyes; correcting fluid
14A	Liquid disinfectants

## SCHEDULE 1

TABLE 1—CLASSES OF GOODS WHICH ARE TO BE SOLD ONLY BY NET QUANTITY  
EXPRESSED IN UNITS OF VOLUME, MASS, NUMBER, LENGTH—*Continued*

PART (B)	MEASUREMENT OF MASS OR VOLUME
1B	Foods, comprising solids in an immediate liquid packing medium
2B	Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)
3B	Dentifrices
4B	Solid or semi-solid perfumes and toilet preparations
PART (C)	MEASUREMENT OF MASS AND OF NUMBER
1C	Tea bags (total net weight and number of bags to be expressed)
2C	Table eggs (weight to be expressed by grade marking)
3C	Coffee bags (total net weight and number of bags to be expressed)
PART (D)	MEASUREMENT OF MASS OR VOLUME
1D	Ballast
2D	Organic fertilizers of the soil
3D	Ready-mixed mortar and ready-mixed concrete
PART (E)	NORMAL MEDICAL OR PHARMACEUTICAL PRACTICE
1E	Drugs
PART (F)	MEASUREMENT OF MASS OR NUMBER
CLASS NO.	DESCRIPTION
1F	Fresh fruits and vegetables
2F	Nails
3F	Pins
4F	Bread rolls and "hops", each weighing less than 100 g

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PART (G)	MEASUREMENT OF MASS
1G	Foods other than:
	(a) foods included in classes 1A and 1B
	(b) bread
	(c) table eggs
	(d) tea bags
	(e) coffee bags
2G	Loaves of bread weighing more than 100 g
3G	All aerosol goods
4G	Inorganic fertilizers of the soil
5G	Cement
6G	Bar and tablet soap
7G	Soap powder; detergent powders; cleaning and scouring powders
8G	Seeds for planting
9G	Feeding stuffs for animals (including birds and fish)
10G	Adhesives other than adhesives included in class 12A
11G	Knitting yarns
12G	Pipe tobaccos
13G	Lubricating greases
PART (H)	NUMBER
1H	Postal stationery (number of sheets, cards or envelopes to be expressed)
2H	Sanitary paper goods; tissues; paper napkins (number of sheets or perforated sections and number of piles to be expressed)
3H	Still photographic film (number of exposures to be expressed)
4H	Cigarettes; cigars; cheroots

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EXPRESSED IN UNITS OF VOLUME, MASS, NUMBER, LENGTH:—*Continued*

PART (J)	MEASUREMENT OF LENGTH
1J	Rolls of foil, plastic film and wrapping paper
2J	Sewing thread; bias binding; ribbon; tape; elastic fabric; crochet thread
3J	Electrical cable (excluding specialized connectors); wire; wire netting; rope of hemp; wire or nylon
4J	Textile fabrics
5J	Adhesive Tape
6J	Moving photographic film (useable length to be expressed)



SCHEDULE 2

TABLE 1—CLASSES OF GOODS WHICH WHEN PRE-PACKED SHALL NOT BE LABELLED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 10(3) OF THE ACT

1	All classes of goods set out and numbered in part D of Table 1, except goods of Class 1D and 3D
2	All classes of goods set out and numbered in part F of Table 1, except goods of Class 1F and 4F
3	All classes of goods set out and numbered in part G of Table 1, except goods of Class 11G and 12G

Dated this 5th day of May, 2015.

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and Communications*