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Trade Measurement Legislative Requirements

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What is Meat?



Trade Measurement Compliance:

- Current regulatory requirements for Sale of Meat

This presentation will provide an overview of:

- **NMI's Role in the Meat Industry**
- **Meat that must be Sold by Weight**
- **The Measurement Process**
- **Weighing equipment**
- **Pre-packing and Labelling Meat**
- **Bulk Sales and Off Cuts**
- **Measurement Law Review**

National Measurement Act 1960

National Measurement Regulations 1999

National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009

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NMI's Role in the Meat Industry

NMI ensures accuracy and fairness in trade transactions by:

- Inspecting measuring instruments used for trade**
- Licensing organisations involved in the service & repair of measuring instruments**
- Checking measurement declarations (e.g. Prepacks, invoices, advertising) are correct**
- Investigating complaints and providing information**
- Taking enforcement action where necessary**

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Meat that must be Sold by Weight

- Examples – Beef, Chicken, Sheep, Fish (not shellfish), Pig, Kangaroo, Deer

Meat	Not Meat
Crumbing	Blending (e.g. sausages)
Curing	Combining (e.g. Kebab on stick)
Glazing	Fermenting (e.g. salami)
Marinading	Filling (e.g. Kiev)
Slicing	Reconstituting/Forming (e.g. chicken nuggets)
Smoking	Stuffing

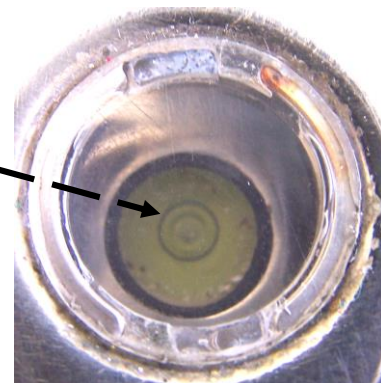


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Weighing Equipment

Must be levelled up to ensure accuracy

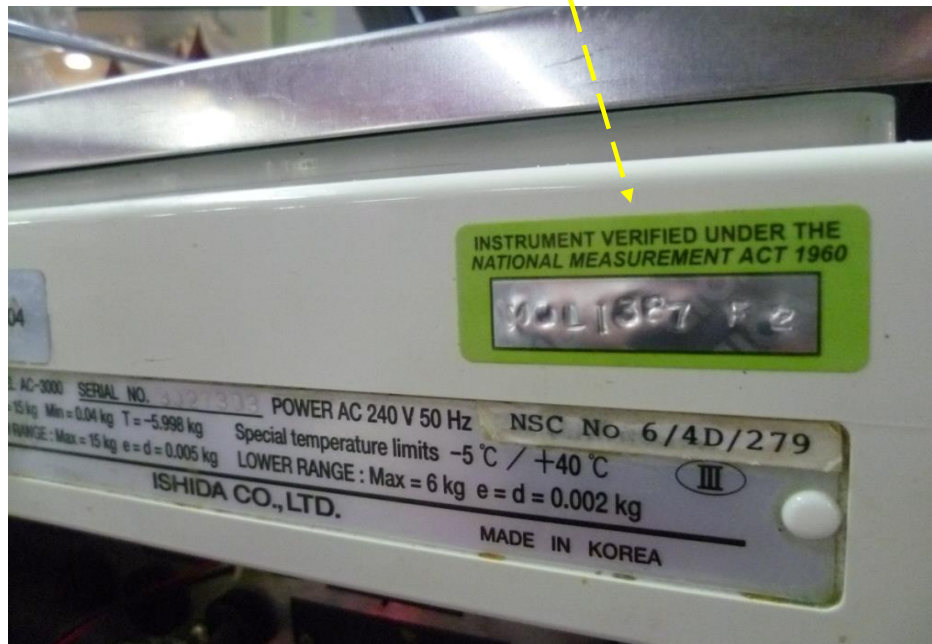


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Weighing Equipment

Must be trade approved and verified



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The Measurement Process

Traders must ensure that either:

- The measuring process and scale indications are visible to customer

OR

- The purchaser is given a written statement of the weight at the time the product is supplied



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The Measurement Process

All articles sold by weight must be net weight

Allowance must be made for:

- Plastic bags
- Trays
- Glad wrap
- Cryovacs
- Soaker Pads



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Pre-packing and Labelling Meat

What is the definition of prepack?

- **Product and packaging prepared before being offered for sale**
- **Completely or partially enclosed by packaging material and cannot be altered without opening the packaging**
- **It has a pre-determined value**

Prepackaged Meat is required to be marked in compliance with the prepacked articles requirements

Prepackages must be marked with a net weight

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Pre-packing and Labelling Meat

Must be marked with a measurement on the principal display panel.

If prepackages are 'random' weight must also be marked with the:

- Unit Price and
- Total price



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Bulk Sales and Off Cuts

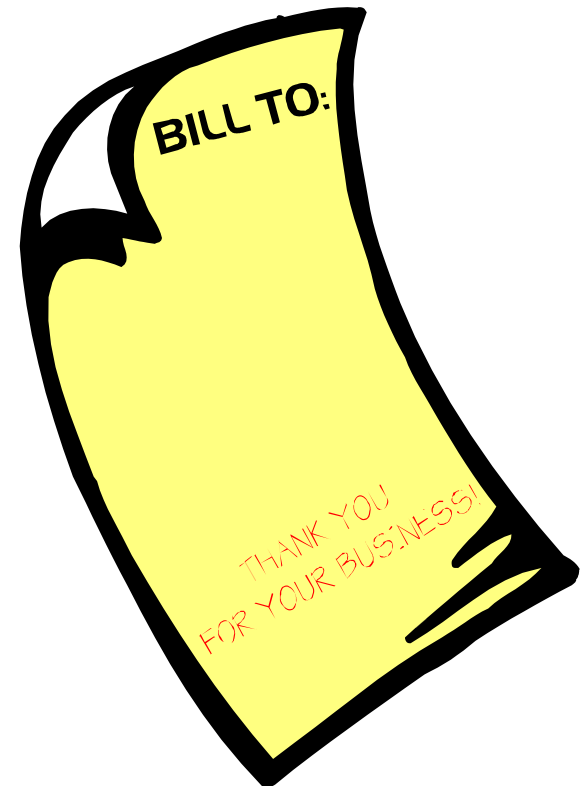
Bulk Sales:

When making up orders for restaurants, hotels where the purchaser is not present a written statement of measurement must be given at the time of delivery.

Off Cuts:

If the customer requests a piece of meat trimmed they should be offered the trimmings

All advertising must be price per kilogram



Measurement Law Review

Outline

- What is the Measurement Law Review?
- Why is it relevant for meat retailers?
 - Definition of meat
 - Measurement Labelling for prepackages
 - Shortfall and weighing instruments
- Next Steps

What is the Measurement Law Review?

Comprehensive review of Australia's measurement laws

- *National Measurement Act 1960*
- *National Measurement Regulations 1999*
- *National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009*

Aims:

- remove unnecessary **regulatory burden**
- consolidate the legislative framework
- move towards a more **principles-based** framework

Definition of meat - *meat of dead animals*

- Regulation 1.5 of the *National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009*
- Definition over **3 pages** lists **animals and processes**.
- Defines what meat must be sold by mass.



*“Hare, but
not rabbit”*



Is there a better way?

Review of measurement labelling for prepackages

- Review of **measurement labelling for prepackages**.
- Considering **reducing prescription** around **size, orientation, location, etc** of **measurement mark**.
- For further information:
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Shortfall and weighing instruments

- Instruments **used for trade** must be **pattern approved** and **verified**.
- **Principle of shortfall** – consumers get what they pay for.
- How do we best achieve this?
 - Compliant instruments producing prepackages?
 - Auditing of prepackages?
 - What level of accuracy is needed?

Next Steps

- Launch
- Consultations in 2018
- Please let us know
 - Your issues and ideas
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Thank You

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