NEW LEGAL OBLIGATIONS FOR MEASURING DEVICE OWNERS

What it means for your business

If you use a measuring device like a scale or gas pump in your business, changes to the Weights and Measures Act and Regulations may affect you. Here is what you need to know:

- Effective August 1, 2014, you must have your devices regularly inspected by a Measurement Canada authorized service provider. This change applies to the following sectors: dairy, downstream petroleum, retail petroleum, fishing, forestry, grain and field crops, mining, and retail food.

- Mandatory inspections are being phased in by postal code; visit www.mc.gc.ca to find out when and how frequently your measuring devices must be inspected.
Only service providers authorized by Measurement Canada are qualified to perform the new mandatory inspections. Their fees are determined by market forces.

Significant fines and penalties will be imposed on businesses that do not comply. These include monetary penalties of up to $2,000 and court-imposed fines of up to $10,000 for minor offences, up to $25,000 for major offences and up to $50,000 for repeat offenders.

These changes are part of the Government of Canada’s long-term plan to better protect consumers and businesses from unfair retail practices and to increase confidence in everyday transactions that involve measurement.

MAKE SURE YOUR DEVICES MEASURE UP!
To find out if your business is affected by this new legislation—and when you must have your devices inspected—visit www.mc.gc.ca.

Measurement Canada ensures equity and accuracy where goods and services are bought and sold on the basis of measurement and contributes to a fair and competitive marketplace for Canadians by:

- approving measuring devices for use in trade in Canada;
- requiring devices to be inspected and to be measuring accurately before being placed into service;
- monitoring the marketplace by inspecting and investigating complaints of suspected inaccurate measurement;
- using a graduated enforcement approach to ensure inaccurate measurement is corrected; and
- auditing authorized service providers, including technician evaluations and follow-up inspections to ensure devices are inspected properly.

For more information, visit Measurement Canada’s website at www.mc.gc.ca.

To arrange an inspection
To arrange an inspection or to get more information about having your device inspected, you can contact an authorized service provider at:

NATIONAL ENERGY EQUIPMENT INC.
Call today to book your inspection
1.866.574.5100
www.nee.ca

A complete list of authorized service providers is also available at www.mc.gc.ca.

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