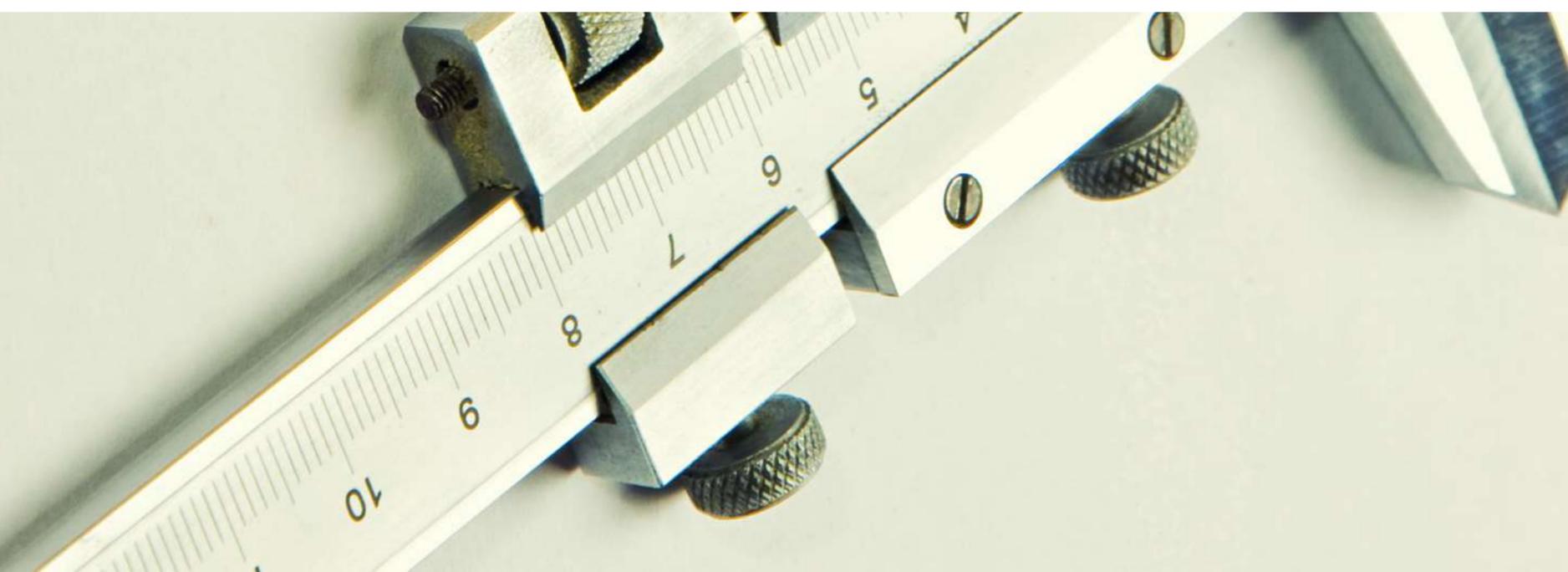




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The MCAFPD issues Show Cause Notice to Producers and Importers regarding Compliance Measures



On 30th August 2022, the Department of Legal Metrology, under the authorisation of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has issued a total of 63 Show Cause Notices to Producers and Importers of Weights and Measurement Instruments in regard to seeking details concerning the maintenance of compliance measures.

The notices were issued to the producers, importers, and sellers of e-commerce platforms, seeking details of compliance measures in regard to approval of model, manufacturing, importers, and dealer license, along with the verification of weighing scales.

The Ministry observed that a few manufacturers and importers of the weighting and measuring instruments are selling Person Weighing Machines, Kitchen Scales, etc. on e-commerce platforms without the maintenance of compliance measures in accordance with the Law, where such unauthorised sales on the e-commerce sites were resulting in creating a deficiency in services provided to consumers causing revenue loss to the government.

For the purpose of protecting and safeguarding the interest of the consumers, the manufacturers and importers of the weighing and measuring instruments, as per Section 22 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, are mandated to obtain the approval of the model of their weighing and measuring instruments, as per Section 23 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, the manufacturing license, as per section 19 the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, the importer registration and as per Section 24 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, the Verification and Stamping of the weighing and measuring instruments.

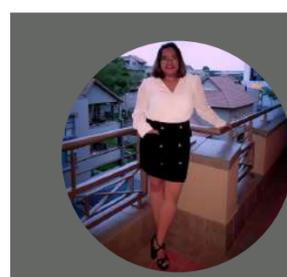
It is further declared that the pre-package commerce platform of the weighing & measuring instrument needs to comply with the provisions (Rule 6) of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), Rules 2011.

The approval of the model of the weighing & measuring instruments, manufacturing license, importer registration and verification and stamping of weighing & measuring instruments is declared mandatory in the interest of consumers and to maintain regulation over the trade & commerce of weights, measures and other goods sold by weight measure or number. Further, the mandatory declaration of the product needs to be made on the pre-packaged commodity or e-commerce platform for the consumers to make an informed choice.

The manufacturer or importer is required to maintain the records of the number of weighing & measuring instrument and their parts manufactured or imported, sold or distributed and the details of verification fees paid to the Government.

Violation of the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act is punishable as per Section 32, Failure to get the approval of model, Section 45, the penalty for the manufacture of weight and measure without a license, Section 38, Penalty for non-registration by an importer of weights or measures, Section 33 Penalty for the use of unverified weight or measure and Section 36, Penalty for selling, etc., of non-standard packages with fine or imprisonment or with both.

Official Notification Attached - [here](#)



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