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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, CAP. W3, LFN, 2004 AND ENACT THE NIGERIAN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATORY AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2023 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF VARYING SCOPES OF LEGAL METROLOGY ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF FAIR TRADE, PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2023

*Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGERIA WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

2 REGULATORY AGENCY.

3 1.-(1) There is established a body known as the Nigerian Weights Establishment  
4 and Measures Regulatory Agency (in this Act referred to as "the Agency"). of the Agency

5 (2) The Agency shall:

6 (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common  
7 seal;

8 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name;

9 (c) may acquire, purchase, mortgage, hold or dispose of property,  
10 whether movable or immovable; and

11 (2) There is hereby established a Governing Board for the Agency  
12 (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall comprise of the following  
13 part-time members appointed by the President upon the recommendation of  
14 the Minister-

15 (a) one person each of the Directorate cadre to represent the  
16 Federal Ministry of-

17 (I) Industry, Trade and Investment;

- 1 (ii) Justice;
- 2 (iii) Environment;
- 3 (iv) Health;
- 4 (v) Science, Technology and Innovation;
- 5 (vi) Education;
- 6 (vii) Finance, Budget and National Planning; and
- 7 (b) two persons with not less than fifteen (15) years of experience in
- 8 Legal Metrology profession and who are serving at Management (Directorate)
- 9 level in the Agency;
- 10 (c) a representative from each of the following fields of activities,
- 11 recommended by the Minister after consultation with the appropriate body, if
- 12 any-
- 13 (i) Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture;
- 14 (ii) Prepackages and Manufacturing;
- 15 (iii) Construction and Solid Mineral Industry;
- 16 (iv) Market Associations; and
- 17 (v) Consumer Associations.
- 18 **2.** The appointments into the Board by the President upon the
- 19 recommendation of the Minister as provided in this Section shall include the
- 20 Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the Board.
- 21 **3.-(1)** Subject to the other provisions of this Bill, the Board shall
- 22 provide strategic policy directions to the Agency, which shall include-
- 23 (a) Promote effective corporate governance of the Agency;
- 24 (b) Approve the policies, programmes and strategies of the Agency;
- 25 (c) Approve the annual workplan and activity reports of the Agency;
- 26 and
- 27 (d) Approve the annual budget estimates and financial statements of
- 28 the Agency.
- 29 (2) The Minister may enter into a performance contract with the

Establishment  
and Composition  
of the Governing  
Board of the  
Agency

Powers of the  
Board

1 Board for a specified period, which shall be consistent with the provisions of  
2 this Bill.

3 4.-(1) Notwithstanding the provision of subsections (1), a member  
4 of the Board ceases to hold office if he- Cessation of  
Membership of  
the Board

5 (a) becomes of unsound mind;

6 (b) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with creditors;

7 (c) is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or

8 (d) is convicted of felony or any offence involving dishonesty.

9 (2) The provisions of the Sixth Schedule shall apply to the Board in  
10 respect to the proceedings and other matters mentioned therein.

11 PART II - FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY

12 5.-(1) The functions of the Agency shall include- Functions of the  
Agency

13 (a) promotion and enforcement of the equitable use of  
14 measurements in commercial transactions for the protection of the public  
15 from false measurements charges;

16 (b) facilitation of the use of correct measurements in industry,  
17 trade, health, safety, environmental management and other activities that  
18 utilize measurement;

19 (c) provision of certification, calibration and testing services to  
20 both public and private entities;

21 (d) promotion of the reliability of measurement-based activities in  
22 trade in Nigeria;

23 (e) performance of inspection, monitoring and other enforcement  
24 functions including sealing of premises as enabled under this Bill;

25 (f) development of measures that is consistent with the promotion  
26 of Legal Metrological Standards that is in sync with both Regional and  
27 International policies on Weights and Measures;

28 (g) examination and approval of new measuring Instruments and  
29 Equipment intended for use in trade to ensure their compliance with Weights  
30 and Measures legislations.

1 (h) the conduct of training in aspects of Legal Metrology for its  
2 personnel as well as domestic and international clients through the Weights and  
3 Measures Training School;

4 (i) establishment and maintenance of Legal Metrology laboratories;

5 (j) promotion of public education and the nationwide use of  
6 Metrology;

7 (k) carrying out market research in order to identify the changing  
8 needs and trends in Metrology;

9 (l) use market and marketing research for accurate data which can be  
10 used to formulate new strategies and policies;

11 (m) the custody, maintenance and dissemination of all associated  
12 measurement

13 (n) participation and the representation of Nigeria in International,  
14 Regional and foreign bodies with similar functions to the Agency;

15 (o) to monitor, evaluate and review of Regional and International  
16 Legal Metrology programmes;

17 (p) encouragement of networking and sharing of Metrological  
18 information in the region;

19 (q) including any other matters incidental to the functions  
20 hereinbefore mentioned.

21 (2) The Agency shall, in relation to Legal Metrology-

22 (a) approve weighing and measuring equipment used in commercial  
23 transactions of products, law enforcement, health and safety services and  
24 environmental management in accordance with established standards;

25 (b) ensure the use of type approved measuring equipment in  
26 commercial transactions, law enforcement, health and safety services and  
27 environmental management, including the relevant calibration and  
28 verification of the measuring equipment in use;

29 (c) evaluate and approve the standard quantities of pre-packaged

1 commodities intended for and provided to the marketplace in accordance  
2 with relevant standards;

3 (d) keep and maintain secondary standards and other working  
4 standards;

5 (e) regulate the manufacture, repair, import and sales of Weights,  
6 Measures, weighing and measuring Instruments; and

7 (f) review of the Weights and Measures regulations periodically  
8 based on international standards of five-year interval.

9 (3) The Agency shall, for the promotion of metrology and national  
10 measurement standards for Nigeria, collaborate with the National  
11 Metrology Institute to-

12 (a) realize, maintain and act as custodian of the National  
13 Measurement Standards according to the needs of the private and public  
14 sectors and in accordance with international best practice;

15 (b) participate in regional and international inter-comparisons to  
16 determine the accuracy of the National Measurement Standards;

17 (c) disseminate units of measurement and maintain a traceability  
18 chain to national and international measurement standards;

19 (d) pursue the inclusion of the National Calibration and  
20 Measurement capabilities in the relevant International and regional mutual  
21 recognition agreements; and

22 (e) to ensure that the membership and participation of Nigeria in  
23 the International Organization of Legal Metrology(OIML) is achieved and  
24 sustained.

25 (4) The Agency shall, in relation to coordination and  
26 communication at the national level-

27 (a) collaborate with other relevant Agencies of government to  
28 ensure coordinated support for the national quality infrastructure;

29 (b) convene technical advisory fora to facilitate the dissemination

- 1 of international best practices and gather input from commerce and industry;
- 2 (c) establish specialist Technical Committees to provide input to the
- 3 process of developing and implementing legal metrology scopes and
- 4 standards;
- 5 (d) co-operate and enter into agreements on Metrology with State,
- 6 Regional and International institutions;
- 7 (e) disseminate information on Metrology to the public and private
- 8 sectors;
- 9 (f) promote the concept of all aspects of Metrology;
- 10 (g) establish pre-market and post-market surveillance systems; and
- 11 (h) obtain information from manufacturers and suppliers of weighing
- 12 and measuring equipment and commodities falling within the scope of Legal
- 13 Metrology regulation.
- 14 (5) The Agency may, in relation to services-
- 15 (a) assess and test measuring equipment to determine compliance
- 16 with relevant standards;
- 17 (b) calibrate measuring equipment traceable to National
- 18 Measurement Standards;
- 19 (c) promote the creation of a National Calibration service to ensure
- 20 access to traceable calibrations through accredited laboratories;
- 21 (d) calibrate and verify measuring equipment subject to Legal
- 22 Metrology control;
- 23 (e) issue certificates in relation to measuring equipment and reference
- 24 standards.
- 25 (6) The Agency shall, in relation to control over the supply of
- 26 weighing and measuring equipment, establish and impose registration
- 27 requirements for suppliers, service persons and service Agencies that install,
- 28 adjust, maintain, calibrate and verify weighing and measuring instruments
- 29 falling within the scope of Legal Metrology requirements as provided for by
- 30 this Bill and other relevant laws or regulations.



1 (7) The Agency shall determine the fees payable for any  
2 calibration, verification, testing, type approval or inspection conducted for  
3 the purposes of this Bill.

4 (8) The Agency shall have power to charge for services in respect  
5 of all comparisons, tests or investigations performed by it, a fee sufficient in  
6 each case to compensate the Agency for the entire cost of the services  
7 rendered and shall be charged according to a scale specified in the rules  
8 made for that purpose by the Board.

9 (9) The Agency shall operate as the Legal Metrology authority for  
10 Nigeria regarding National, Regional and International Metrology activities  
11 and obligations.

12 (10) The Agency shall liaise, consult, collaborate and co-operate  
13 with relevant Regulatory Agencies and other Authorities in Nigeria and  
14 may, for such purposes, have joint programmes, plans, strategies and  
15 policies.

Relations and  
Co-operation with  
other Regulatory  
Agencies and  
Authorities

16 (11) The Agency and other regulatory Agencies and Authorities  
17 shall apply an integrated Metrological approach to achieve its objectives  
18 and shall, in so doing-

19 (a) promote the use of International Metrological Standards,  
20 wherever possible;

21 (b) facilitate bilateral and multilateral agreements related to  
22 Metrology;

23 (c) establish and enforce public Health Standards and Regulations,  
24 in liaison with relevant authorities;

25 (d) promote the application of Metrology and disseminate  
26 Metrology information; and

27 (e) maintain statistics related to the application of Metrology.

28 (12) The Agency shall, in relation to international and Regional  
29 cooperation-

30 (a) represent and co-ordinate Nigeria's participation in the

1 International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and other regional and  
2 international organizations that deal with Legal Metrology issues;

3 (b) organize participation for Nigeria in the NEWMETS, ECOMET,  
4 AFRIMETS, BIPM and other relevant international or regional Metrology  
5 bodies; and

6 (c) co-ordinate, interact and manage international, regional and  
7 bilateral interaction with other Metrology Institutes and Authorities.

8 PART III - STAFF OF THE AGENCY : EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATES  
9 AND OTHER STAFF OF THE AGENCY

Appointment of  
Executive Director,  
Directorates and  
Other Staff of the  
Agency

10 6.-(1) The President shall appoint an Executive Director of the  
11 Agency subject to the approval of Senate, to serve for a period of four years at  
12 first instance, renewable for another term of four years and no more, on such  
13 terms and conditions as may be provided in the instrument of appointment.

14 (2) The Executive Director who shall possess the requisite  
15 professional knowledge and experience in Weights and Measures (Legal  
16 Metrology) administration, shall be the Executive Director of the Agency and  
17 responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Agency and exercise statutory  
18 powers as vested under this Bill.

19 (3) The Executive Director shall attend the meetings of the Board and  
20 may address those meetings but shall not vote on any matter before the Board.

21 (4) The Head of the Directorate of Legal and Secretariat Services shall  
22 serve as the Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Board.

23 (5) The Agency shall have-

24 (a) Directorate of Administration and Human Resources;

25 (b) Directorate Finance and Accounts;

26 (c) Directorate of Surveillance, Compliance and Enforcement;

27 (d) Directorate of Energy;

28 (e) Directorate of Utilities and Manufacturing;

29 (f) Directorate of Laboratory, Data, Standards, Quality Control and  
30 Certification;

1 (g) Directorate of Training, Research and Development;  
 2 (h) Directorate of Legal and Secretariat Services;  
 3 (i) Directorate of Zonal Offices;  
 4 (j) Any other Directorate as may be needed as circumstance  
 5 dictates to carry out the objects of this Bill.

6 (6) Each Directorate shall be headed by a Director.

7 (7) The Agency and its Directorates shall have adequate numbers  
 8 of Units and Divisions as may be required in the discharge of its functions.

9 (8) The Agency shall establish and maintain Offices in every State  
 10 of the Federation.

11 (9) Appointment of other Directors and officers-

12 (a) There shall be appointed such number of other fit and proper  
 13 persons as Directors, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Legal  
 14 Metrology Officers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures as may from  
 15 time to time be required to assist the Executive Director under this Bill;

16 (b) The Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director shall be  
 17 qualified Legal Metrology Officers;

18 (c) The Executive Director shall ensure that, all other persons  
 19 appointed under subsection (1) of this Section are trained and qualified in  
 20 the same manner and that examinations are conducted for the Staff  
 21 consistently.

22 7. There shall be paid to every member of the Board such  
 23 allowances as the Agency may from time to time determine.

Allowances of  
Members of the  
Board

24 8.-(1) There is hereby established under this Bill for the training in  
 25 Legal Metrology and other allied branches of knowledge, the "Legal  
 26 Metrology Training Institute of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as the  
 27 "Institute").

Establishment of  
the Legal Metrology  
Training Institute

28 (2) The management and control of the Institute, the teaching staff  
 29 and other employees, the courses and curricula for training thereat, the  
 30 qualifications, which a person shall possess in order to be eligible for

	1	admission thereto shall be such as may be prescribed by the Board of the
	2	Agency.
	3	PART IV - UNITS AND STANDARDS OF MEASUREMENT
Units of measurements	4	<b>9.</b> -(1) The metre shall be the unit of measurement of length and the
	5	kilogramme shall be the unit of measurement of mass by reference to which
	6	any measurement involving a measurement of length or mass shall be made in
	7	Nigeria.
First Schedule	8	(2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect for defining for the
	9	purposes of measurements falling to be made in Nigeria the units of
	10	measurement in that Schedule; and for the purposes of any measurement of
	11	weight falling to be so made, the weight of anything may be expressed, by
	12	reference to the units of measurement set out in Part V of that Schedule, in the
	13	same terms as its mass.
Base unit of Weights and Measures	14	<b>10.</b> -(1) The base unit of-
	15	(i) Length shall be the metre;
	16	(ii) Mass shall be the kilogram;
	17	(iii) Time shall be the second;
	18	(iv) Electric current shall be the ampere;
	19	(v) Thermodynamic temperature shall be the kelvin;
	20	(vi) Luminous intensity shall be the candela; and
	21	(vii) Amount of substance shall be the mole.
	22	(2) The specifications of the base units mentioned in sub-section (1),
	23	derived units and other units shall be such as may be prescribed.
	24	<i>[First Schedule.]</i>
Primary Standards	25	<b>11.</b> -(1) The Minister shall by an order cause to be provided,
	26	maintained or replaced standards of the metre and kilogram which shall be the
	27	primary standards by reference to which, in Nigeria, all other standards of
	28	those units and of any other unit of measurement derived wholly or partly from
	29	any of those units shall be maintained.
	30	(2) The Minister shall upon the commencement of this Bill and

thereafter at intervals of not more than ten years or as may appear to him expedient, cause the value of each of the primary standards to be verified against the corresponding standards of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in France, the National Metrology Institute of Nigeria or any other recognized National Metrology Institute.

(3) Until other provision is made by an Order under subsection (1) of this Section, the Nigeria primary standards shall be-

(i) in the case of the metre, the bar described in Part I of the Second Schedule to this Bill; and

(ii) in the case of the kilogram, the cylinder described in Part II of the said Second Schedule.

*[Second Schedule]*

(4) The Nigeria primary standards shall be kept at such a place and such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.

**12.**-(1) The Executive Director shall maintain secondary and tertiary standards in accordance with the provisions of this section which shall be known collectively as "the Nigerian trade standards".

Nigerian Trade  
Standards

(2) The secondary standards shall consist of standards of all the measures set out in Parts I and IV and all the weights set out in Part V of the Third Schedule to this Bill (other than capacity measures of more than ten litres); and any such standard shall be constructed and, while it remains in use, from time to time at intervals not exceeding five years, have its value re-determined, by reference to such one or more of the Nigerian primary standards as may appear to the Executive Director to be appropriate.

Third Schedule

(3) The tertiary standards shall consist of such of the measures or weights set out in the said Parts I, IV and V as may from time to time appear to the Executive Director to be necessary or expedient; and any such standards shall be constructed and, while it remains in use, from time to time at intervals not exceeding two years, have its value re-determined, by reference to such one or more of the secondary standards as may appear to

1 the Executive Director to be appropriate.

2 (4) The Nigerian trade standard shall be provided or replaced at the  
3 direction of the Executive Director from time to time as may appear to him  
4 necessary or expedient, and they shall be in such form and of such material, and  
5 be kept under such control in the Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory  
6 Agency as the Executive Director may direct; and a secondary standard of any  
7 linear or capacity measure may as the Executive Director thinks fit-

8 (a) be provided either as a separate standard or by means of divisions  
9 marked on a standard of a larger measure; and

10 (b) either be marked in whole or in part with sub-divisions  
11 representing any smaller unit of measurement or multiples or fractions of such  
12 a unit or have no such marking.

13 (5) Any metric standard of any measure or weight provided under any  
14 enactment repealed by this Bill and in use as a secondary standard in the  
15 Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency immediately before the  
16 date of the commencement of this Section, shall be deemed for the purposes of  
17 this Bill, to be a secondary standard provided under this Section.

Working Standards

18 13.-(1) The Executive Director shall provide for use by inspectors  
19 under this Bill and cause to be maintained or from time to time replaced such  
20 standards (in this Bill referred to as "working standards") of such of the  
21 measures and weights set out in the Third Schedule to this Bill, together with  
22 such testing equipment and stamping equipment as he may from time to time  
23 approve or require as being proper and sufficient for the efficient discharge by  
24 inspectors of their functions under this Bill.

25 [Third Schedule.]

26 (2) Working standards and testing and stamping equipment provided  
27 under this section shall be of such material and form approved by the Executive  
28 Director and, except so far as may be necessary for the purposes of their use  
29 elsewhere, they shall be kept under such control as the Executive Director may  
30 from time to time direct or approve; and a working standard of a linear or

1 capacity measure shall as the Executive Director may from time to time  
2 direct-

3 (a) be provided either as a separate standard or by means of  
4 divisions marked on a standard of a larger measure; and

5 (b) either be marked in whole or in part with sub-divisions  
6 representing any smaller unit of measurement or multiples or fractions of  
7 such a unit or have no such markings.

8 (3) The Executive Director shall by regulations make provision-

9 (a) for working standards to be from time to time tested by  
10 comparison with, and if necessary adjusted to, within such limits of error as  
11 may be specified in the regulations by reference to other working standards  
12 more recently tested, or as the case may require, Nigerian trade standards;

13 (b) with respect to the testing, adjustment and limits of error of  
14 testing equipment provided under this section, and no article shall be used  
15 by an inspector as a working standard or as testing equipment unless the  
16 relevant requirements of those regulations are for the time being satisfied  
17 with respect thereto.

18 (4) Any metric working standard or testing or stamping equipment  
19 lawfully in use by inspectors immediately before the commencement of this  
20 section, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Bill, to have been provided  
21 under this Section.

22 **14.** The Executive Director may, if he thinks fit, on the application  
23 of any authority or person and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed,  
24 accept for testing as to accuracy or for report or both-

Testing of other  
standards and  
equipment

25 (a) any article used or proposed to be used as a standard of a unit of  
26 measurement;

27 (b) any weighing or measuring equipment.

28 **15.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this section, no person shall-

Units of  
measurements,  
weights and measures  
lawful for use for  
trade

29 (a) use for trade any unit of measurement of length, area, volume,

1 capacity, mass or weight which is not included in the First Schedule to this Bill;

2 *[First Schedule.]*

3 (b) use for trade, or have in his possession for use for trade, any linear,  
4 square, cubic or capacity measure which is not included in the Third Schedule  
5 to this Bill or any weight which is not so included.

6 (2) No person shall use the carat (metric) for trade except for the  
7 purposes of transactions in precious stones or pearls, gold, silver or other  
8 precious metals or in articles made from gold or silver including gold or silver  
9 thread, lace or fringe.

10 (3) Save as may be prescribed-

11 (a) a linear measure specified in Part I of the Third Schedule to this  
12 Bill may be marked in whole or in part with divisions and sub-divisions  
13 representing any shorter length or lengths;

14 (b) no capacity measure specified in Part IV of the said Third  
15 Schedule shall be used for trade by means of any division or sub-division  
16 marked thereon as a capacity measure of any lesser quantity.

17 (4) Any person who contravenes any of the foregoing provisions of  
18 this Section shall be guilty of an offence, and any measure or weight used, or in  
19 the possession of any person for use, in contravention of any of those  
20 provisions shall be liable to be forfeited.

21 (5) The Minister may from time to time by order amend the First or  
22 Third Schedule to this Bill-

23 (a) by adding to or removing from any of Parts I to XI of the said First  
24 Schedule any unit of measurement of length, or area, of volume or capacity, or  
25 of mass or weight, as the case may be;

26 (b) by adding to or removing from any of Parts I to IV of the said Third  
27 Schedule any linear, square, cubic or capacity measure, as the case may be, or  
28 by adding to or removing from Part V of the said Third Schedule any weight.

29 (6) Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this Section shall not apply to  
30 the prescribing of or to the dispensing of a prescription for, drugs but the



1 Federal Minister charged with responsibility for health and the Minister  
2 acting jointly may by order, which shall have effect notwithstanding  
3 anything in any other written law-

4 (a) prescribe what may be treated for the purposes of dealings with  
5 drugs as the equivalent of, or of any multiple or fraction of, any unit of  
6 measurement which is, or at the date of commencement of this Section was,  
7 included in the First Schedule to this Bill in terms of any other such unit;

8 *[First Schedule.]*

9 (b) require that any person carrying out any such dealing with  
10 drugs as is specified in the order under this subsection, for the purposes of  
11 which the quantity of the drugs is expressed in terms of any such unit as  
12 aforesaid, shall carry out that dealing in terms of such equivalent quantity  
13 prescribed under paragraph (a) of this subsection as is so specified.

14 **16.-(1)** The provisions of this section shall apply to the use for trade  
15 of weighing or measuring equipment of such classes or descriptions as may  
16 be prescribed, and regulations by virtue of this subsection may be made with  
17 respect to equipment, whatever the nature of the measurement made thereby  
18 (including measurement in terms of number), and whether or not the  
19 equipment is constructed to give an indication of the measurement made or  
20 other information determined by reference to that measurement.

Weighing or  
Measuring  
Equipment for  
use for Trade

21 (2) No person shall use any article for trade as equipment to which  
22 this Section applies, or have any article in his possession for such use, unless  
23 that article, or equipment to which this section applies in which that article is  
24 incorporated, or to the operation of which the use of that article is incidental,  
25 has been passed by an inspector as fit for such use and, except as otherwise  
26 expressly provided by or under this Bill, bears a stamp indicating that it has  
27 been so passed which remains undefaced otherwise than by reason of fair  
28 wear and tear. If any person contravenes this subsection, he shall be guilty of  
29 an offence, and any article in respect of which the offence was committed  
30 shall be liable to be forfeited.

1           (3) Any person requiring any equipment to which this Section applies  
2     to be passed as fit for use for trade, shall submit the equipment to an inspector in  
3     such manner as the Executive Director may direct and, subject to the provisions  
4     of this Bill and of any regulations made under Section 49 thereof and to the  
5     payment by that person of the prescribed fee, the inspector shall-

6           (a) test the equipment by means of such working and other standards  
7     and testing equipment as he considers appropriate or, subject to any conditions  
8     which may be prescribed, by means of other equipment which has already been  
9     tested and which the inspector considers suitable for the purpose; and

10          (b) if the equipment submitted falls within the prescribed limits of  
11     error, give to the person submitting it a certificate of verification to the effect  
12     that it is passed as aforesaid; and

13          (c) except as otherwise expressly provided by or under this Bill, cause  
14     it to be stamped with the prescribed stamp, and each inspector shall keep a  
15     record of every such test carried out by him.

16          (4) The requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this Section with  
17     respect to stamping and marking shall not apply to any weight or measure  
18     which is too small to be stamped or marked in accordance with those  
19     requirements.

20          (5) In the case of any weighing or measuring instrument which is  
21     required to be tested and passed after it has been installed in the place where it is  
22     to be used for trade, if after the instrument has been so passed it is removed and  
23     re-installed whether in the same or some other place, it shall not be lawful to use  
24     it after such re-installation, until it has been retested and passed by an inspector.  
25     Any person who, in contravention of this subsection, uses that instrument or  
26     causes or permits any other person to use it, shall be guilty of an offence and the  
27     instrument shall be liable to be forfeited.

28          (6) If an Inspector is of opinion that a weighing or measuring  
29     instrument has a novel feature or is intended for use for trade for a particular  
30     purpose for which it is not suitable, he may refuse to pass or stamp it until the

1 matter has been referred to the Executive Director whose decision thereon  
2 shall be final.

3 17.-(1) This Section shall apply to weights, measures, weighing  
4 and measuring instruments used in legal metrology activities such as  
5 protection of public health, safety and environment.

Weighing and  
measuring equipment  
for use for Legal  
Metrology activities

6 (2) No person shall use or install, any weight, measure, weighing or  
7 measuring equipment to which this Section applies, for any legal metrology  
8 activity specified in sub-section (1) of this Section unless it has been verified  
9 by an inspector.

10 (3) Notwithstanding anything in any other written law, the  
11 accuracy of measuring instruments used for the purposes of trade and  
12 protection of health, safety and environment in any sector of the Nigerian  
13 economy shall be determined by testing and verification with any recently  
14 verified Nigerian Trade Standard.

15 18.-(1) The Executive Director shall, in accordance with the  
16 regulations, approve devices or classes, types or designs of devices for use in  
17 trade, health, safety and environmental protection.

Approval of patterns  
of weighing or  
measuring instruments

18 (2) Any person wishing to ascertain whether any pattern of  
19 weighing or measuring equipment is suitable for use for trade or for other  
20 legal metrology activities may, in such manner as may be prescribed, submit  
21 that pattern to the Executive Director for examination.

22 (3) Where any pattern of weighing or measuring equipment is  
23 submitted pursuant to sub-section (2), the Executive Director shall, on  
24 payment of such fee as may be prescribed, examine the suitability for use for  
25 trade, health, safety and environmental protection of equipment of that  
26 pattern, having regard in particular to the principle, materials and methods  
27 used or to be used in its construction, and if the Executive Director is  
28 satisfied that the equipment of that pattern is suitable for use for trade, it shall  
29 issue a certificate of approval of that pattern and cause notice of the approval  
30 to be published in the Agency website.

Manufacturers etc.,  
to maintain records  
of equipment

1 (4) Any person who causes to be sold or distributed any model of  
2 measuring instrument for use for trade, health, safety and environmental  
3 protection to which the type has not been approved by the Executive Director in  
4 accordance with any provision of this Bill shall be guilty of an offence.

5 **19.-(1)** No person shall import, manufacture, deal in or repair any  
6 weights, measures, weighing instruments and measuring instruments unless he  
7 is registered with the Executive Director in such manner and on payment of  
8 such fees, as may be prescribed.

9 (2) Every importer, manufacturer, dealer or repairer of weights,  
10 measures, weighing instruments and measuring instruments shall maintain  
11 such records and registers as may be prescribed.

12 (3) The records and registers maintained under sub-section (1) of this  
13 Section shall be produced at the time of inspection to the persons authorised for  
14 the said purpose under sub-section (1) of Section 23.

15 (4) The Executive Director may, in the prescribed manner, register  
16 any person with the prescribed competencies and who is employed by  
17 registered repair body as indicated in subsection 2 of this Section, as a person  
18 responsible for repairs of any particular kind in accordance with this Bill.

19 (5) The Executive Director shall furnish a person responsible for  
20 repairs with a certificate stating that such person may undertake repairs in  
21 terms of this Bill.

Utility Meters  
Requirements

22 **20.-(1)** This Section shall apply to the use for trade or other Legal  
23 Metrology activities of utility meters of such classes and descriptions as may  
24 be prescribed by regulations.

25 (2) For the purpose of this Bill, a utility meter is a measuring  
26 instrument that is:

27 (a) a water meter; or

28 (b) an electricity meter; or

29 (c) a gas meter.

30 (3) A utility meter used for such purposes shall be verified and used in

1 a way that gives an accurate measurement.

2 (4) No person shall install, use or supply an unverified utility meter.

3 Any person, who uses, supplies or installs in or on any premises an  
4 unverified utility meter for use for trade or other legal metrology activities,  
5 shall be guilty of an offence.

6 (5) A person is guilty of an offence if:

7 (a) the person does, or fails to do, something in relation to a utility  
8 meter; and

9 (b) the person's act or omission causes, or is likely to cause, the  
10 meter to give an inaccurate measurement or to give other information  
11 inaccurately.

12 **21.**-(1) For the purposes of this Bill, the Minister may make  
13 regulations with respect to-

Regulations  
relating to weighing  
or measuring for  
trade

14 (a) the materials and principle of construction of weighing or  
15 measuring equipment for use for trade or other legal metrology activities;

16 (b) the requirements for the inspection, verification and stamping  
17 or marking of weight, measure, weighing or measuring instruments;

18 (c) the circumstances and the manner in which and the condition  
19 under which stamps may be obliterated or defaced, and any certificate of  
20 verification cancelled;

21 (d) the purposes for which particular types of weighing or  
22 measuring equipment may be used for trade or other legal metrology  
23 activities;

24 (e) the abbreviation of or symbols for units of measurement which  
25 may be used for trade;

26 (f) the limits of error to be allowed on verification and to be  
27 tolerated on inspection either generally or as respects any trade; and

28 (g) the manner of erection or use of weighing or measuring  
29 equipment used for trade.

30 (2) If any difference arises between an inspector and any other

1 person as to the interpretation of any regulations made under this section that  
2 difference may with the consent of that other person and shall at the request of  
3 that other person be referred to the Executive Director whose decision shall be  
4 final.

5 (3) Where in the circumstances of any particular case it appears to be  
6 impracticable or unnecessary that any requirement of any regulations made  
7 under this section should be complied with, the Executive Director may, if he  
8 thinks fit, dispense with the observance of that requirement subject to  
9 compliance with such condition, if any, as he thinks fit to impose; and if any  
10 person knowingly contravenes any condition imposed with respect to any  
11 equipment by virtue of this subsection, he shall be guilty of an offence and the  
12 equipment shall be liable to be forfeited.

Keepers of Public  
Equipment to hold  
Certificate

13 22.-(1) No person shall attend to any weighing or measuring by means  
14 of weighing or measuring equipment available for use by the public being a  
15 weighing or measuring demanded by a member of the public and for which a  
16 charge is made, other than a weighing or measuring of a person, unless he holds  
17 a certificate from the Agency that he has sufficient knowledge and skill for the  
18 proper performance of his duties.

19 (2) The Director of Metrological Data, Training, Research and  
20 Development as delegated by the Executive Director may on application, grant  
21 a Certificate of Competency to any person whom he considers has acquired  
22 sufficient knowledge and skill to carry out the functions of this Section.

23 (3) Any person refused a certificate by the Director of Metrological  
24 Data, Training, Research and Development under this Section may appeal  
25 against the refusal to the Executive Director whose decision thereon shall be  
26 final.

27 (4) Any person who contravenes, or who causes or permits any other  
28 person to contravene subsection (1) of this Section, shall be guilty of an  
29 offence.

1                   23.-(1) This Section shall apply where any article, vehicle, wagon      Offences in  
2                   or animal has been delivered for weighing or measuring by means of      connection with  
3                   weighing or measuring equipment which is available and for use by the      public equipment  
4                   public and is provided for the purpose of weighing and measuring articles,  
5                   vehicle, wagon or animal.

6                   (2) If any person appointed to attend to weighing or measuring by  
7                   means of the equipment in question-

8                   (a) without reasonable cause fails to carry out the weighing or  
9                   measuring on demand; or

10                  (b) carries out the weighing or measuring unfairly; or

11                  (c) fails to deliver to the person demanding the weighing or  
12                  measuring or to his agent a statement in writing of the weight or other  
13                  measurement found; or

14                  (d) fails to make a record of the weighing or measuring including  
15                  all relevant particulars, and in the case of the weighing of a vehicle or wagon  
16                  and of any load thereon, as will identify the vehicle or wagon and that load,  
17                  he shall be guilty of an offence.

18                  (3) If, in connection with any such equipment as aforesaid-

19                  (a) any person appointed to attend to weighing or measuring by  
20                  means of the equipment delivers a false statement of any weight or other  
21                  measurement found or makes a false record of any weighing or measuring;

22                  (b) any person commits any fraud in connection with any, or any  
23                  purported, weighing or measuring by means of that equipment, he shall be  
24                  guilty of an offence.

25                  (4) There shall be retained for a period of not less than two years  
26                  records of any weighing or measuring officially made on weighing or  
27                  measuring equipment available for use by the public, and an inspector may  
28                  require the production of such records for inspection at any time during the  
29                  said period; and accordingly-

30                  (a) if a person attending any weighing or measuring equipment

1 under this Section fails to retain or produce any such record, he shall be guilty  
2 of an offence;

3 (b) if any person wilfully destroys or defaces any such record before  
4 the expiration of two years from the date it was made, that person shall be guilty  
5 of an offence.

6 PART V - ADMINISTRATION

Provision of  
weighing and  
measuring  
instruments for  
use by Inspectors

7 **24.**-(1) The Executive Director shall from time to time provide such  
8 weighing instruments and measuring instruments for use by inspectors as he  
9 may consider necessary for the purposes of their duties under this Bill.

10 (2) Weighing instruments and measuring shall be verified at such time  
11 and in such manner as the Executive Director may in writing from time to time  
12 direct.

Repair or  
adjustment of  
weighs, etc.

13 **25.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Section, no inspector shall  
14 repair, alter or adjust any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
15 instrument.

16 (2) If the Executive Director is satisfied that it is in the public interest  
17 that an inspector should be allowed to adjust weights, measures, weighing  
18 instruments and measuring instruments within the inspectorial district to  
19 which he is assigned, the superintendent may authorise the inspector to act as  
20 an adjuster accordingly; and it shall be an offence for an inspector so authorised  
21 to adjust any weight, measures, weighing instrument or measuring instrument  
22 without payment of the prescribed fee.

Examination of  
weighs, etc.

23 **26.**-(1) The Executive Director may from time to time require any  
24 inspector to attend with his working standards and other equipment (if any) at  
25 such time and place as the Executive Director may direct. An inspector shall  
26 attend where so required and examine and, if necessary, verify any weight or  
27 measure brought to him or otherwise made available for inspection by him in  
28 the locality. If the inspector is satisfied that any weight or measure when  
29 produced to or inspected by him is accurate, or is otherwise within the  
30 requirements as prescribed, he shall verify the same by means of a stamp, and



1 shall issue to the person entitled a certificate of verification in the form set  
2 out in the Fourth Schedule to this Bill or to the like effect; and the certificate  
3 of verification shall, unless extended under this section, remain in force for a  
4 period of twelve months.

5 *[Fourth Schedule.]*

6 (2) Where any weight or measure by reason of its shape or size may  
7 not conveniently be brought to the inspector he may, if requested to do so,  
8 attend at the premises where the weight or measure is, and there examine and  
9 verify the weight or measure. If for any reason it is not possible for the  
10 inspector to attend such premises, and the owner or user of any weight or  
11 measure in such premises produces to the inspector a current certificate of  
12 verification under this Section, the inspector may by endorsement on that  
13 certificate, extend its operation for not more than one further period not  
14 exceeding twelve months.

15 (3) The neglect or refusal by an inspector to deliver a certificate of  
16 verification under this Section shall be an offence against this Bill and the  
17 inspector shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of N5,000.00.

18 (4) For the purposes of this Section, "weight or measure" includes  
19 any weighing instrument or measuring instrument; and for the avoidance of  
20 doubt a certificate of verification issued under any enactment repealed by  
21 this Bill shall in respect of any period unexpired on the commencement of  
22 this Section continue in force for the unexpired period, as if it had been  
23 issued under this Section.

24 **27.** Without prejudice to the owners and duties of Inspectors under  
25 any other provision of this Bill, an inspector may, at the request of any  
26 person and subject to the payment by that person of such fee, if any, as may  
27 be prescribed, carry out and submit to that person a report on-

Additional  
Functions by  
Inspectors

28 (a) a weighing or other measurement of any goods submitted for  
29 that purpose by that person at such place as the Executive Director may  
30 direct or approve;

General Powers  
of Inspection and  
Sealing of Premises

1 (b) a test of the accuracy of any weighing or measuring equipment so  
2 submitted.

3 **28.-(1)** Subject to the production of his credentials, if requested, an  
4 Inspector notwithstanding the provision of any enactment may within the area  
5 for which he was appointed-

6 [1978 No. 37.]

7 (a) at all reasonable times-

8 (i) inspect and test any weighing or measuring equipment which is  
9 used for trade or any metrological activities or which he has any reasonable  
10 cause to believe may be so used, or which is in the possession of any person or  
11 upon any premises for such use;

12 (ii) inspect any goods to which any of the provisions of this Bill or any  
13 subsidiary instrument made thereunder for the time being applies for which he  
14 has reasonable cause to believe to be such goods;

15 (iii) enter any premises at which he has reasonable cause to believe  
16 there is any such equipment or goods as aforesaid, not being premises used  
17 only as a private dwelling-house; and

18 (iv) direct any person to put anything in or on the premises mentioned  
19 in paragraph a (i) of subsection (1), into operation or to cease operating it.

20 (b) at any time seize and detain-

21 (i) any article which he has reasonable cause to believe is liable to  
22 forfeiture under this Bill;

23 (ii) any document displayed with any goods as evidence of price or  
24 quantity of the goods and which the inspector believes may be required in  
25 the course of proceedings under or pursuant to this Bill.

26 (2) If an inspector finds any equipment, goods or articles as are  
27 mentioned in subsection (I) of this Section on any premises and has reasonable  
28 grounds to believe that any offence under this Bill has been, is being or is likely  
29 to be committed on such premises, he may seal the premises in question.

30 (3) Where an inspector enters or intends to seal any premises pursuant

1 to the foregoing provisions of this Section, he may take with him such other  
2 persons and equipment as may appear to him necessary; and on leaving any  
3 such premises which at the time of entry were unoccupied or from which the  
4 occupier during such entry was temporarily absent, he shall leave them as  
5 effectively secured against trespassers as he found them.

6 (4) If any inspector or other person who enters any work-place by  
7 virtue of this section discloses to any person any information obtained by  
8 him in the work-place with regard to any manufacturing process or trade  
9 secret he shall, unless the disclosure was made in the performance of his  
10 duty, be guilty of an offence.

11 (5) In the exercise of his powers under this Section, an inspector or  
12 other person concerned shall exercise them so that as far as is practicable he  
13 will not impede or obstruct work in progress.

14 (6) Where an inspector acts under subsection (2) of this Section-

15 (a) he shall report his action to the Executive Director forthwith;

16 (b) any person aggrieved by the action may appeal to the Executive  
17 Director who may confirm or cancel the action; and

18 (c) the total period of the sealing of such premises shall not, without  
19 a court order in that respect, exceed 28 days.

20 (7) Notwithstanding subsection (6) of this section, upon receipt of  
21 a report under that Section in respect of any premises which have been  
22 sealed up, the Executive Director may direct that any goods found therein  
23 which in his opinion is of a perishable nature shall-

24 (a) where no offence under this Bill has been committed in respect  
25 of the goods in question, be released to the owner of the goods;

26 (b) where an offence under this Bill is alleged to have been  
27 committed with respect to the goods in question, be disposed of by sale or in  
28 such other manner as he may determine:

29 Provided that where goods are disposed of by sale, the proceeds of  
30 such sale shall be payable to the owner of such goods.

Obstruction of  
Inspectors

1 (8) Any person who knowingly and without reasonable excuse breaks  
2 a seal affixed pursuant to subsection (2) of this Section, shall be guilty of an  
3 offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of N100,000 or imprisonment  
4 for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

5 (9) Nothing in this Section shall authorise an Inspector to stop any  
6 vehicle on a highway.

7 **29.-(1)** Any person who-

8 (a) willfully obstructs any inspector acting in the execution of his duty  
9 under this Bill; or

10 (b) willfully fails to comply with any requirement properly made of  
11 him by an Inspector entering under Section 30 of this Bill; or

12 (c) without reasonable cause fails to give to any Inspector acting as  
13 aforesaid any other assistance or information which the inspector may  
14 reasonably require of him for the purposes of the performance by the inspector  
15 of his functions under this Bill or any order or regulation made thereunder, shall  
16 be guilty of an offence.

17 (2) If any person, in giving to an inspector any such information as is  
18 mentioned in the foregoing subsection, gives any information which he knows  
19 to be false, he shall be guilty of an offence.

20 (3) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as requiring a person to  
21 answer any question or give any information if to do so might incriminate him.

Offence by  
Inspectors and  
Others

22 **30.-(1)** Any inspector who-

23 (a) stamps or places a verification Sticker on any weight, measure,  
24 weighing instrument or measuring instrument without verifying it, as  
25 prescribed by this Bill; or

26 (b) unless authorised under this Bill is paid for the making, adjusting  
27 or selling of any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
28 instrument; or

29 (c) commits any breach of duty imposed on him under this Bill or  
30 otherwise misconducts himself in the execution of his office, shall be guilty of

1 an offence and, in addition to any other penalty imposed on conviction  
2 thereof, his appointment as an inspector may be terminated.

3 (2) Any person who without proper authority, acts or purports to act  
4 as an inspector whether for the purposes of subsection (1) of the Section or  
5 not, shall be guilty of an offence.

6 31. Where any fraud is willfully committed in the use of any Fraud in use of  
7 weight, measure, weighing or measuring instrument for trade, the person weighs, etc.  
8 committing such fraud, and every person party to such fraud, shall be guilty  
9 of an offence and such weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
10 instrument shall be liable to forfeiture.

11 32. Any person who refuses when requested by an Inspector to Refusal to produce  
12 produce to the Inspector any weight, measure, weighing instrument or weighs, etc., an  
13 measuring instrument in his possession or custody or obstructs, or hinders offence  
14 any Inspector in any examination under this Bill of any weight, measure,  
15 weighing instrument or measuring instrument, shall be guilty of an offence.

16 33.-(1) Any person who imports, makes or sells or causes to be Importation, etc.,  
17 imported, made or sold any unjust weight, measure, weighing instrument, of unjust weighs  
18 measuring instrument or goods, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be and measures  
19 liable on summary conviction in respect of a first offence to a fine of not less  
20 than N100,000.00 and, in respect of a second or any subsequent offence, to a  
21 fine of not less than N200,000.00 or more than N300,000.00 or to  
22 imprisonment for a term of twelve months.

23 [1978 No. 37.]

24 (2) Any person who imports, makes or sells or causes to be  
25 imported, made or sold any weight, measure, weighing measuring  
26 instrument or goods or equipment which is not in metric units or  
27 specifications shall be guilty of an offence.

28 34.-(1) Any person who forges or counterfeits or causes to be Forgery, etc.,  
29 forged or counterfeited or knowingly assists in forging or counterfeiting, of Stamp or Mark  
30 any stamp or mark used for stamping or marking any weight, measure,

1 weighing instrument or measuring instrument under this Bill, shall be guilty of  
2 an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of not less than  
3 N100,000. or more than N200,000. or to imprisonment for a term of six  
4 months.

5 (2) Any person who willfully destroys a seal, mark, sticker or stamp  
6 on or in a weighing or measuring instrument as evidence of passing as fit for  
7 use for trade or of rejection for such use, shall be guilty of an offence and such  
8 weighing or measuring instrument shall be liable to forfeiture.

Sale of Weights, etc.,  
with forged Stamp

9 35. Any person who knowingly sells, uses or disposes of any weight,  
10 measure, weighing instrument or measuring instrument with any forged or  
11 counterfeited stamp or mark thereon resembling or intended to resemble any  
12 stamp or mark used under this Bill, shall be guilty of an offence and such  
13 weighing or measuring instrument shall be liable to forfeiture.

Alteration of  
Stamped or marked  
Weigh, etc.

14 36. Any person who, with intent to defraud-

15 (a) alters any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
16 instrument stamped or marked in accordance with this Bill; or

17 (b) uses in any sale, contract, or other dealing any such altered weight,  
18 measure, weighing instrument or measuring instrument, shall be guilty of an  
19 offence.

Delivery on sale  
by false Weigh, etc.

20 37. Any person who sells any article by weight, measure, or number  
21 and delivers or causes to be delivered to the purchaser a less weight, measure,  
22 or number, as the case may be, than is purported to be sold or than corresponds  
23 with the price charged, shall be guilty of an offence.

Misrepresentation

24 38. Any person who, in connection with the sale or the exposing or  
25 offering for sale of anything, makes any misrepresentation howsoever or does  
26 or omits any act, matter or thing calculated or likely to mislead the seller or  
27 purchaser or prospective seller or purchaser as the case may be, as to its weight  
28 or measure, or if sold or offered for sale by number, as to the number sold or  
29 offered for sale, shall be guilty of an offence.

1                   **39.**-(1) Subject to subsection (3) of this Section, every person shall  
2           be guilty of an offence who-

Sale of bread not  
by net weight an  
offence

3 (a) sells, offers, or exposes for sale any bread otherwise than by net  
4 weight; or

(b) sells or has in his possession for sale or delivery under a contract of sale any loaf of bread unless its net weight is 200 grammes or multiples of 100 grammes subsequently.

(2) Every person selling or having in his possession for the purpose of sale or carrying to a purchaser for sale any bread, shall if so, required by an Inspector, permit the inspector to weigh the bread. Any person who contravenes this subsection shall be guilty of an offence.

12 (3) Nothing in this section shall apply-

(a) to rolls or pieces of bread not exceeding 200 grammes in weight; or

15 (b) to loaves supplied under contract where the contract provides  
16 for weighing of the bread on delivery.

17 (4) In this Section-

18 "bread" means bread in any form other than bread-crumbs and includes the  
19 following, and any part of any of the following, that is to say, fancy loaves  
20 and milk loaves; and "loaf" includes a roll and a bap and any pre-packed  
21 sliced loaf of bread shall be deemed to be a whole loaf of bread and the pre-  
22 packing of sliced bread in any quantity by net weight shall be deemed to be  
23 the making for sale of whole loaf, of bread of that net weight.

24                   **40.**-(1) A person shall not sell or have in his possession for sale any  
25       pre-packed article, whether or not contained in the Seventh Schedule to this  
26       Bill, unless the wrapper or container bears thereon, or on a label securely  
27       attached thereto, a true statement in plain characters of the minimum net  
28       weight or measure of the article contained therein.

Sale of pre-packed  
goods

29 *[Seventh Schedule.]*

30 (2) A person shall not sell or have in his possession for sale any pre-

1 packed goods of any of the kinds set forth in the Seventh Schedule to this Bill  
2 unless the goods are made up for sale in the standard quantities specified in  
3 column 2 or 3 of that Schedule (according as the goods are packed in rigid  
4 containers of glass, plastic, metal or not).

5 (3) The indication of weight or measure required in this section to be  
6 marked on any pre-packed article for sale shall be conspicuously and legibly  
7 marked in the manner hereunder prescribed, that is to say-

8 (a) it shall be printed, stamped or written in plain block characters;  
9 and

10 (b) it shall be situated in a prominent position on the outside of the  
11 outermost wrapper or container or on a label securely attached thereto:

12 Provided that where the outermost wrapper or container is of a  
13 transparent nature, the whole indication of weight or measure may be marked  
14 on the next inner wrapper or container provided the said indication of weight or  
15 measure is as plainly and easily legible as if on the outer wrapper or container.

16 (4) An indication of weight or measure shall be-

17 (a) complete in itself, that is to say, the words or group of characters  
18 composing the marking shall be associated together so as to be read as a whole,  
19 and it shall not be modified by any words or figures as "about", "average", "not  
20 more than" or any such similar word or expression; and

21 (b) marked on a plain background and in distinct contrast thereto, that  
22 is to say, the characters shall be dark on a light background or vice versa.

23 (5) A statement as to the weight or measure of pre-packed goods shall  
24 be deemed to be a statement as to the net weight or measure thereof unless  
25 otherwise specified.

26 (6) Denominations of weights or measures shall be either spelt in full  
27 or if abbreviated shall be expressed by one or other of the prescribed  
28 abbreviations.

29 (7) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Section shall  
30 be guilty of an offence.



1 (8) The Minister may by order from time to time amend, vary, add  
 2 to or replace the Seventh Schedule. Any order made under this Section shall  
 3 be subject to the approval of the President.

4 (9) Before making any order under this section, the Minister shall  
 5 consult with and consider any representations with respect to the subject-  
 6 matter of the order made to him by such organisations as appear to him to be  
 7 representative of interest substantially affected by the order

8 **41.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill as to the use of any  
 9 indigenous weight or measure, any person who sells any butchers' meat,  
 10 fresh fish and other agricultural produce including; fruits, vegetables, tubers  
 11 etc. otherwise than by net weight shall be guilty of an offence.

Sale of certain meat  
and fish (including  
fruits, vegetables  
and tubers, in not  
by net weight an  
offence

12 **42.** Subject to the provisions of this Section, any person who for the  
 13 purposes of any sale, contract or other dealing uses or has in his possession  
 14 for use-

Use of false or  
unjust weights, etc.

15 (a) any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
 16 instrument which is false or unjust; or

17 (b) any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
 18 instrument not stamped or marked as required by this Bill, or in respect of  
 19 which no certificate of verification is in force, shall be guilty of an offence.

20 **43.** Any person who sells goods by weight or measure for himself  
 21 or on behalf of any other person in any warehouse, market, store or other  
 22 public place and when required by the person to whom the goods are  
 23 delivered refuses to weigh or measure the goods in the presence of the  
 24 person to whom they are delivered, shall be guilty of an offence.

Refusal to weigh  
or measure goods  
delivered

#### 25 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISION

26 **44.**-(1) The Agency shall establish a Fund from which shall be  
 27 defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Agency for the purposes of this Bill.

Fund of the  
Agency

28 (2) There shall be credited to the Agency's account-

29 (a) A percentage as determined by the National Assembly from  
 30 funds generated through services performed by the Agency which may be

Expenditure of  
the Agency

1 appropriated by the National Assembly for the Capital and the Recurrent  
2 expenditures of the Agency;

3 (b) Adequate take off grant from the Federal Government;

4 (c) Annual subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal  
5 Government;

6 (d) Loans and grants in aid from National, bilateral and multilateral  
7 Agencies;

8 (e) Counterpart funding as may be provided from time to time;

9 (f) All sums accruing to the Agency by way of rents, fees and other  
10 internally generated revenues from services rendered by the Agency, and

11 (g) All sums accruing to the Agency by way of gifts, endowments,  
12 bequeaths or other voluntary contributions by persons and organizations.

13 **45.** The Agency shall, from time and time, apply the funds at its  
14 disposal to-

15 (1) The cost of establishing and maintaining the Head Office of the  
16 Agency at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and its offices located in other  
17 places in Nigeria;

18 (2) The cost of promoting inspection, monitoring and enforcement  
19 activities;

20 (3) Pay allowances and other benefits of members of the Board and of  
21 its Committees;

22 (4) Pay the salaries and entitlements of the Executive Director and  
23 other members of staff of the Agency;

24 (5) Pay the personnel- overhead, allowances, pensions, gratuities,  
25 benefits and other administrative costs of the Agency;

26 (6) Pay obligatory membership fees and subscription to local,  
27 regional and international organisations;

28 (7) Pay for attendance at local and international conferences related to  
29 its functions;

30 (8) Build capacity of members of staff of the Agency;

1 (9) Run the Nigeria Legal Metrology Training Institute, Abuja and  
2 other training centres across the Federation;

3 (10) Publicize and promote the activities of the Agency;

4 (11) Attend National and International Scientific and professional  
5 seminars on Weights and Measures and allied matters;

6 (12) Develop and maintain any property vested in or owned by the  
7 Agency;

8 (13) Pay for services and contracts entered by the Agency; and

9 (14) Undertake any other activity in connection with all or any of  
10 the functions of the Agency;

11 46.-(1) All income derived by the Agency from the sources  
12 specified in Section 12(2) of this Bill shall be exempted from income tax.  
13 All contributions to the fund such as Aids and Grants to the Agency shall be  
14 tax - free. However appropriate taxes will be deductible in respect of every  
15 contract issued by the Agency.

Exemption from  
Income Tax, Annual  
Estimate, Accounts  
and Audits, Annual  
Report

16 (2) The Agency shall submit to the President through the Minister,  
17 not later than 30th September each year, its programme of work and  
18 estimates of its income and expenditure for the following year.

19 (3) (a) The Board shall keep proper accounts of the Agency and  
20 proper records in relations to those accounts;

21 (b) The accounts of the Agency shall be audited, not later than six  
22 months after the end of the year to which it relates, by auditors appointed by  
23 the Agency from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by  
24 the Auditor-General of the Federation;

25 (4) The Agency shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive  
26 Council, through the Minister, not later that 30th June in each year, a report  
27 on the activities of the Agency during the preceding year, and shall include  
28 in such report, a copy of the audited accounts of the Agency for that year and  
29 the auditor's report.

30 (5) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against

	1	the Executive Director and Officers authorised to perform any duty by or under
	2	this Bill in respect of anything done which is in good faith or intended to be
	3	done under this Bill or any rule or order made thereunder;
	4	(6) The Executive Director may create inspectorial districts and
	5	assign thereto such number of duly appointed inspectors as may be required.
Power to Borrow	6	47. The Agency may, with the approval of the Board, borrow, on such
	7	terms and conditions as the Agency may require in the exercise of its functions
	8	under this Bill.
	9	PART VII - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL
Avoidance of sale	10	48.-(1) Where there is a sale by weight or measure and the weighing or
	11	measurement is to be done by any weight or measure prohibited by this Bill, the
	12	sale shall be void.
	13	(2) In this Section, "sale" includes any contract or other transaction
	14	whatsoever.
Offences by bodies corporate	15	49.-(1) Where an offence under this Bill committed by a body
	16	corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of
	17	or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any Director, Manager,
	18	Secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or any person who was
	19	purporting to act in any such capacity, any such director or other person
	20	mentioned in this subsection as the case may be, as well as the body corporate
	21	shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded
	22	against and punished accordingly.
	23	(2) For the purposes of this Section, the expression "director" in
	24	relation to anybody corporate established by or under any enactment for the
	25	purpose of carrying on under national ownership any industry or part of an
	26	industry or undertaking, being a body corporate, whose affairs are managed by
	27	the member thereof, means a member of that body corporate.
Loss by evaporation. etc., as a defense in special cases	28	50. In any proceedings under this Bill in respect of an alleged
	29	deficiency in the weight of any article delivered to a purchaser, it shall be a
	30	good defense in any prosecution if the defendant proves to the satisfaction of

1 the Court that the alleged deficiency was due to unavoidable evaporation or  
2 drainage, and that he took all reasonable care to avoid such deficiency.

3 **51.**-(1) Any person prosecuted for an offence under this Bill, on  
4 giving to the prosecution three clear days' notice of his requirement and with  
5 the leave of the Court, shall be entitled to have brought before the Court in  
6 the proceedings any other person to whose act or default the defendant  
7 alleges responsibility for the commission of the offence. If on proof of  
8 commission of the offence, the original defendant proves that its  
9 commission was due to the act or default of the other person brought before  
10 the court and that the original defendant took all reasonable care to avoid the  
11 commission of the offence by him or by any person under his control, he  
12 shall be acquitted and discharged; and the court, if it thinks fit, may enter a  
13 conviction against the other person brought before the Court.

Offence by person  
other than defendant

14 (2) Where it appears to any authority by or on whose behalf  
15 proceedings may be instituted that an offence under this Bill has been  
16 committed and that authority is reasonably satisfied that the offence was due  
17 to any act or default of some other person, the authority may cause  
18 proceedings to be taken against that other person alone; and in any such  
19 proceedings that other person may be charged with and may be convicted of  
20 that offence, notwithstanding the failure to prosecute the first mentioned  
21 person.

22 **52.** Unless otherwise prescribed by regulations under this Bill,  
23 nothing in this Bill shall-

Exemption from  
sale in containers

24 (a) be construed to prohibit the sale, or subject any person to a  
25 penalty under this Bill for the sale of an article not being pre-packed in a  
26 container of any description where such container is not represented as  
27 containing any amount of metric measure; or

28 (b) subject any person to a penalty under this Bill for the possession  
29 of any such container where the court or an Inspector, as the case may be, is  
30 satisfied that the container was not intended for use as a measure.

1                   **53.** The fact that any act or omission is an offence under this Bill for  
2    which a person may be prosecuted shall not affect any civil remedy to which a  
3    person aggrieved by the offence may be entitled.

4                   **54.**-(1) Unless otherwise prescribed by this Bill, every transaction of  
5    what nature so ever in any State involving the use of any weight or measure not  
6    in accordance with this Bill shall be void, and any person who uses any such  
7    weight or measure shall be guilty of an offence against this Bill.

(2) All tolls and duties charged or collected according to weight or measure shall be charged and collected according to one of the weights or measure under this Bill or to some part or multiple thereof.

11                   **55.** Any weight, measure, weighing instrument, measuring  
12 instrument or goods which is the subject matter of any proceeding leading to  
13 conviction for an offence under this Bill may, unless otherwise prescribed by  
14 this Bill, be forfeited and may be broken up or otherwise disposed of as the  
15 court may direct.

16 *[1978 No. 37.]*

17                   **56.** The provisions of this Bill and of any other enactment for the time  
18 being in force in Nigeria relating to weights, measures, weighing instruments  
19 or measuring instruments used for the purposes of any sale, contract or dealing  
20 shall extend to any weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
21 instrument used in any factory or workshop for the purpose of checking or  
22 ascertaining the wages of any person employed therein in like manner as if they  
23 were used for the purpose of any sale, contract or dealing under this Bill.

24                   **57.** No weight, measure, weighing instrument or measuring  
25 instrument marked or stamped by an inspector under this Bill shall, during the  
26 currency of any certificate of verification given in respect thereof, be objected  
27 to unless the Executive Director is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the  
28 certificate of verification was issued under a mistake of fact, or that the weight,  
29 measure, weighing instrument or measuring instrument when checked with the  
30 appropriate standard is incorrect.

1	<b>58.</b> Where any weight, measure, weighing instrument measuring	Presumption of possession of weights, etc.
2	instrument or goods is found in the possession of any person upon premises	
3	of any description used for trade or other Legal Metrology activities, that	
4	person shall be deemed to be in possession of the weight, measure, weighing	
5	instrument, measuring instrument or goods for use for trade or other Legal	
6	Metrology activities until the contrary is proved.	
7	<i>[1978 No. 37.]</i>	
8	<b>59.</b> In pursuance of the duties imposed on him by or in pursuance of	Power to make test purchase
9	this Bill, any Inspector shall have power to make such purchases of goods as	
10	may appear expedient for the purpose of determining whether or not the	
11	provisions of this Bill are being complied with.	
12	<b>60.</b> Unless otherwise prescribed for an offence under this Bill, it	Onus of proof of knowledge, etc., in any offence
13	shall not be necessary on any prosecution to prove knowledge or intent; but	
14	where the prosecution is in respect of an offence of doing anything	
15	knowingly or with a specified intent, the onus of disproving that he did such	
16	thing knowingly or with such intent shall be on the defendant.	
17	<b>61.</b> Where there is a dispute between an inspector and any person as	Reference of certain cases to Executive Director
18	to the method of testing or verifying any weight, measure, weighing	
19	instrument or measuring instrument, the matter in dispute shall at the request	
20	of either party to the dispute be determined by the Executive Director, whose	
21	decision thereon shall be final.	
22	<b>62.</b> Actions and other proceedings by an Inspector for things done	Limitation of actions
23	or omitted under this Bill shall be commenced within three months after the	
24	matter complained of was done or omitted and not later; and notice in	
25	writing of any such action or other proceeding with full particulars of the	
26	cause thereof, shall be given to the defendant seven days at least before the	
27	commencement of such action or proceedings.	
28	<b>PART VIII - SUPPLEMENTARY</b>	
29	<b>63.-(1)</b> The Agency, in exercise of its powers under this Bill, may in	Powers of the Minister to make Regulations
30	consultation and approval of the Minister make Regulations and Orders	

1 generally in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

2 (2) Without prejudice to the general power conferred by subsection  
3 (1) of this Section, it is hereby declared that Regulations may be made for-

4 (a) prescribing the fees to be paid on the stamping, marking,  
5 verifying, repairing or adjusting of any weight, measure, weighing instrument  
6 or measuring instrument by an inspector;

7 (b) prescribing the tests to be applied for the purpose of ascertaining  
8 the accuracy and efficiency of weights, measures, weighing instruments and  
9 measuring instruments;

10 (c) standardizing any indigenous weights or measures

11 (d) prescribing any district or other area in which any weight or  
12 measure other than metric weight or measure may be used;

13 (e) prescribing articles not elsewhere included in this Bill which are  
14 not to be sold otherwise than by weight, measure or number.

Fees

15 **64.**-(1) The fees in the Fifth Schedule to this Bill shall be the  
16 prescribed fees for the purposes of this Bill.

17 (2) The Minister may by order from time to time amend, vary, add to  
18 or replace the Fifth Schedule. Any order made under this Section shall be  
19 subject to the approval of the President.

20 *[Fifth Schedule.]*

Penalties

21 **65.**-(1) Any person guilty of an offence under any provision of this  
22 Bill shall, unless otherwise prescribed, be liable on conviction-

23 *[1978 No. 37.]*

24 (a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of N500,000. or imprisonment  
25 for one year or to both such fine and imprisonment; and

26 (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine of N2,000,000.

27 *[1963 No. 20.]*

28 (2) Subject to the exercise by the Attorney-General of the Federation  
29 of his powers under any enactment (including the Constitution of the Federal  
30 Republic of Nigeria), any proceedings under this Bill may be instituted by or on



(3) All penalties imposed under this Bill shall, when recovered, be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

4                   **66.-(1)** It shall be unlawful for any person in Nigeria to have in his                   Exclusive use of  
5                   possession for the purposes of trade or legal metrology activities or any                   metric units  
6                   other commercial transaction and, in particular, to have in his possession for  
7                   sale, or to use or cause to be used for selling, any commodity or to import any  
8                   weights, measures, weighing instruments, measuring instruments or goods  
9                   which are in any other units other than in exclusively metric units.

11 (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) of this Section  
12 shall be guilty of an offence under this Bill.

13                   **67.**-(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises                   Offices and  
14                   necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill, the Agency                   Premise of the  
15                   may, subject to the Land Use Act-

16 (a) purchase or take on lease any interest land, or other property;  
17 and

18 (b) Construct offices and premises and equip and maintain same.

19 (2) The Agency may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out  
20 any office or premises held by it, which office or premises is no longer  
21 required for the performance of its functions under this Bill.

22                   **68.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the provisions of the                   Limitation of  
23                   Limitation of suits against the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in                   suits against the  
24                   relation to any suit against any member or Officer or employee of the                   Agency  
25                   Agency.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law enactment, no suit shall lie against any member of the Board, the Executive Director or any other officer or employee of the Agency for anything done in pursuance or execution of this Bill or any other law or enactment, or any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Bill or such law or

	1	enactment, duty or authority, shall lie or be held against the Agency in any
	2	Court unless-
	3	(a) it is commenced within three months after the act, neglect or
	4	default complained of; or
	5	(b) in the case of a continuation of damage. or injury, within six
	6	months next after the leasing thereof.
Services of document	7	<b>69.</b> A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to
	8	be served upon the Agency under the provisions of this Bill or my other law or
	9	enactment may be served by delivering it to the Executive Director.
Restriction of execution against property of the Agency	10	<b>70.</b> In any action or suit against the Agency, no execution or
	11	attachment of process shall be made against the Agency, unless not less than
	12	three months' notice of the intention to execute or attach has been given to the
	13	Agency.
Interpretation	14	<b>71.-(1)</b> In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires-
	15	"base unit" means one of the international system (SI) units of measurements
	16	listed in the First Schedule;
	17	"capacity measurement" means measurement in terms of a unit of
	18	measurement included in Part IV of the First Schedule to this Bill;
	19	<i>[First Schedule.]</i>
	20	"container" includes any form of packaging of goods for sale as a single item,
	21	whether by way of wholly or partly enclosing the goods or by way of attaching
	22	the goods to, or winding the goods round, some other article, and in particular
	23	includes a wrapper or confining band;
	24	"food" includes drink, chewing gum or special products of a like nature and
	25	use, and articles or substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food or
	26	drink or of such products, but does not include-
	27	(a) water, live animals or birds;
	28	(b) fodder or feeding stuff for animals, birds or fish; or
	29	(c) articles or substances used only as drugs, or medicine for internal
	30	or external use;

- 1 "Inspector" includes the Legal Metrology Officer, Inspector of Weights and  
2 Measures as appointed under this Bill;
- 3 "measuring instrument" includes any instrument for the measurement of  
4 length, capacity, area or volume;
- 5 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for trade;
- 6 "occupier" in relation to any stall, vehicle, ship or aircraft or in relation to the  
7 use of any place for any purpose, means the person for the time being in  
8 charge of the stall, vehicle, ship or aircraft or, as the case may be, the person  
9 for the time being using that place  
10 for that purpose;
- 11 "premises" includes any place and any stall, vehicle, ship or aircraft;
- 12 "prescribed" means prescribed by this Bill or regulations made thereunder;
- 13 "protection" means the utilisation of reading obtained from any weights or  
14 measure, for the purpose of determining any step which is required to be  
15 taken to safeguard the well-being of any human being or animal, or to  
16 protect any commodity, vegetation or thing, whether individually or  
17 collectively;
- 18 "ship" includes any boat and any other description of vessel used in  
19 navigation;
- 20 "stamp" means a mark for use as evidence of the passing of weighing or  
21 measuring equipment as fit for use for trade, whether applied by impressing,  
22 casting, engraving,  
23 etching, branding, or otherwise howsoever, and cognate expressions shall  
24 be construed accordingly;
- 25 "State" means any State created under the Constitution of the Federal  
26 Republic of Nigeria 1999;
- 27 [Cap. C23.]
- 28 "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Agency  
29 appointed under this Bill;
- 30 "Legal Metrology" means that part of metrology which treats units of

1     weighment and measurement, methods of weighment and measurement and  
2     weighing and measuring instruments, in relation to the mandatory technical  
3     and legal requirements which have the object of ensuring public guarantee  
4     from the point of view of security and accuracy of the weighments and  
5     measurements;

6     “weighing and measuring equipment” means equipment for measuring in  
7     terms of length, area, volume, capacity, weight or number whether or not the  
8     equipment is constructed to give an indication of the measurement made or  
9     other information determined by reference to that measurement;

10    “weighing instrument” includes scales with the poises applied thereto, scale-  
11    beams, balances, spring balances, steelyards, platform machines, weigh  
12    bridges, counter scales, automatic scales, self-indicating and semi self-  
13    indicating scales, person weighing machines and other instruments for  
14    weighing, including instruments constructed also to calculate and indicate the  
15    price in money.

16           (2) The expression, “use for trade” means use in any State in  
17    connection with, or with a view to, a transaction for-

18           (a) the transferring or rendering of money or money's worth in  
19    consideration of money or money's worth; or

20           (b) the making of a payment in respect of any toll or duty, where-

21           (i) the transaction is by reference to quantity in terms of measurement  
22    of length, area, volume, capacity or weight or in terms of number, or is a  
23    transaction for the purposes of which there is made or implied a statement of  
24    the quantity in such terms of goods to which the transaction relates; and

25           (ii) the use is for the purpose of the determination of statement of that  
26    quantity, but, except where the transaction is a retail transaction for the making  
27    of a payment in respect of a toll or duty leviable in Nigeria or in respect of  
28    carriage within or from Nigeria, does not include any case where the goods in  
29    respect of which the determination or statement of quantity is made are goods  
30    required for dispatch to a destination outside Nigeria.

1                   (4) The expression "for use for other legal metrology activities"  
2           means equipment that are used in legal metrology activities such as  
3           protection of public health, safety and environment.

4                   (5) The expression "pre-packed" means made up in advance ready  
5           for retail sale in or on a container; and on any premises where articles of any  
6           description are so made up, or are kept or stored for sale after being so made  
7           up, any article of that description found made up in or on a container shall be  
8           deemed to be pre-packed unless the contrary is proved; and it shall not be  
9           sufficient proof of the contrary to show that the container has not been  
10          marked in accordance with the requirements of this Bill or any instrument  
11          made thereunder with respect to the pre-packing of such articles.

12                  (6) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Bill  
13          to any person, other than a reference to an Inspector, shall be construed as a  
14          reference to that person or some other person acting on his behalf in the  
15          matter in question.

16                  (7) A statement as to the weight or measure of a pre-packed article  
17          shall, unless otherwise specified thereon, be deemed to be a statement of the  
18          net weight or measure of such article.

19                  **72.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Weights and Measures      Citation  
20          Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023.

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21	Kilometre .....1,000 metres
22	Metre .....shall have the meaning from time to time assigned by
23	order by the Minister being the meaning appearing to the Minister to re- produce
24	in English the international definition of the metre in force at the date of the
25	making of the order.
26	Decimetre ..... 1/10 metre
27	Centimetre ..... 1/100 metre
28	Millimetre..... 1/1000 metre

1	PART II
2	<i>Measurement of Area</i>
3	Hectare .....100 acres
4	Dekare .....10 acres
5	Are .....100 square metres
6	Square Metre ..... a superficial area equal to that of a square, each side of
7	which measures one metre.
8	Square Decimetre ..... 1/10 square metre
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14	measures one metre
15	Cubic Decimetre .....1/1000 cubic metre
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17	Cubic Millimetre .....1/1000 cubic centimetre
18	PART IV
19	<i>Measurement of Capacity</i>
20	Hectolitre ..... 100 litres
21	Litre ..... shall have the meaning from time to time assigned
22	by order by the Minister being the meaning appearing to the Minister to re-
23	produce in English the international definition of the litre in force at the date
24	of the making of the order.
25	Decilitre ..... 1/10 litre
26	Centilitre .....1/100 litre
27	Millilitre..... 1/1000 litre
28	PART V
29	<i>Measurement of mass or weight</i>
30	Metric ton (tonne) .....1,000 kilogrammes

- 1 Quintal .....100 kilogrammes  
2 Kilogramme .....shall have the meaning from time to time assigned by  
3 order by the Minister being the meaning appearing to the Minister to re-  
4 produce in English the international definition of the kilogramme in force at the  
5 date of the making of the order.  
6 Hectogramme ..... 1/10 kilogramme  
7 Gramme ..... 1/1000 kilogramme  
8 Carat (metric) ..... 1/5gramme  
9 Milligramme ..... 1/1000 gramme.

10 PART VI

11 *Measurement of Electricity*

- 12 1. The following units of measurement, that is to say-  
13 (a) the AMPERE (as the unit of measurement of electrical current);  
14 (b) the OHM (as the unit of measurement of electrical resistance);  
15 (c) the VOLT (as the unit of measurement of difference of electrical  
16 potential); and  
17 (d) the WATT (as the unit of measurement of electrical power), shall  
18 have the meanings from time to time respectively assigned by the Minister,  
19 being the meanings appearing to the Minister to reproduce in English the  
20 international definition of the ampere, ohm, volt or watt, as the case may be, in  
21 force at the date of the making of the order.  
22 2. Kilowatt: 1,000 watts.  
23 Megawatt: one million watts.

24 PART VII

25 *Measurement of Time*

- 26 The second shall be the base unit of measurement of time by reference to which  
27 any measurement of time shall be made in Nigeria; and it shall have the  
28 meaning assigned by an order made by the Minister, being the meaning  
29 appearing to the Minister to reproduce in English the international definition of  
30 the second in force at the date of the making of the order.



## 1 PART VIII

2 *Measurement of Thermodynamic Temperature*

3 The kelvin shall be the base unit of measurement of thermodynamic  
4 temperature by reference to which any measurement of thermodynamic  
5 temperature shall be made in Nigeria; and it shall have the meaning assigned  
6 by an order made by the Minister, being the meaning appearing to the  
7 Minister to reproduce in English the international definition of the kelvin at  
8 the date of the making of the order.

## 9 PART IX

10 *Measurement of Luminous Intensity*

11 The candela shall be the base unit of measurement of luminous intensity by  
12 reference to which any measurement of luminous intensity shall be made in  
13 Nigeria; and it shall have the meaning assigned by an order made by the  
14 Minister, being the meaning appearing to the Minister to reproduce in  
15 English the international definition of the candela at the date of the making  
16 of the order

## 17 PART X

18 *Measurement of Amount of Substance.*

19 The mole shall be the base unit of measurement of the amount of substance  
20 by reference to which any measurement of the amount of substance shall be  
21 made in Nigeria; and it shall have the meaning assigned by an order made by  
22 the Minister, being the meaning appearing to the Minister to reproduce in  
23 English the international definition of the mole at the date of the making of  
24 the order

## PART XI

## INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI) AND THEIR SYMBOLS

The names and symbols of the base units are respectively as follows-

Quantity	Unit	Symbol
1~ Mass	kilogram	kg
2~ Length	metre	m
3~ Time	second	s
4~ Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
5~ Electric current	ampere	A
6~ Luminous intensity	candela	cd
7~ Amount of substance	mole	mol

This temperature is in general expressed in degrees celsius.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (3).]

*Existing Nigerian Primary Standards*

## PART I

*Description of Nigerian Primary Standard of the Metre*

The Nigerian copy of the Prototype metre, being a bar of nickel steel of "H" -Section about 103 centimetres in length and 24 millimetres square in overall section marked "SIP GENEVE No.12202 20°C NI 58%". The upper surface of the web of the "H" is chromed and highly polished and is engraved with a main scale of fine transverse lines 1 centimetre apart, numbered "0" to "100", the spaces between these lines being further divided by shorter trans-verse lines 1 millimetre apart. This scale is cut by two longitudinal fine lines parallel to the axis of the bar. The length of the Nigerian Primary Standard Metre shall be measured between those two fine transverse lines of the main scale which are marked "0" and "100", the plane of measurement to be co-incident with the upper surface of the web of the "H" and the line of measurement to be half way between the two fine longitudinal lines and parallel thereto. Measurement shall be made at a temperature of 20° Celsius, the bar being supported on rollers approximately 1 centimetre in diameter at the points indicated by the arrows on one flank of the bar.

1	PART II	
2	<i>Description of Nigerian primary standard of the kilogramme</i>	
3	The Nigerian copy of the prototype kilogramme being a solid cylinder of	
4	non-magnetic stainless steel of height equal to its diameter being	
5	approximately 5.5 centimetres each marked "FNI 1kg."	
6	THIRD SCHEDULE	
7	<i>[Sections 3 (2) and 4 (1 ).]</i>	
8	<i>Metric measures and weights lawful for use for trade</i>	
9	PART 1	
10	Linear measures	
11	Measures of--	
12	20 metres	1 metre
13	10 metres	1 decimetre
14	metres	1 centimetre
15	metres	
16	PART II	
17	<i>Square measures</i>	
18	Measures of, or of any multiple of, 1 square decimeter.	
19	PART III	
20	<i>Cubic measures</i>	
21	Measures of, or of any multiple of, 1 cubic decimeter.	
22	PART IV	
23	<i>Capacity measures</i>	
24	Measures of-	
25	any multiple of 10 litres	100 millilitres
26	10 litres	50 millilitres
27	5 litres	25 millilitres
28	2 1/2 litres	20 millilitres
29	2 litres	10 millilitres
30	1 litre	5 millilitres

500 millilitres	2 millilitres
250 millilitres	1 millilitre
200 millilitres	

PART V

*Weights*

20 kilogramme	2 grammes
10 kilogramme	1 gramme
5 kilogrammes	500 milligrammes
2 kilogrammes	400 milligrammes
1 kilogramme	300 milligrammes
500 grammes	200 milligrammes
200 grammes	100 milligrammes
100 grammes	50 milligrammes
50 grammes	20 milligrammes
20 grammes	10 milligrammes
10 grammes	5 milligrammes
5 grammes	2 milligrammes
4 grammes	1 milligramme

FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Sections 26.]

*Form of certificate of verification*

I hereby certify that the following equipment have been verified and stamped by the Inspector as accurate within the prescribed limit of error: .....

submitted to by .....

of .....

This certificate, unless extended by endorsement hereon by the Executive Director shall cease to have effect twelve months after the date of issuance.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

(Signature) .....

Executive Director NWMRA

**FIFTH SCHEDULE**

[Section 64]

*Table of Fees***TABLE OF FEES****PART I****DEVICE ANNUAL VERIFICATION FEES****A. MEASURES OF LENGTH**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEES</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>General</b>	
	a. Not exceeding 3 metres, each scale	750.00
	b. Above 3 metres but not exceeding 25 meters, each scale	1,500.00
	c. Above 25 metres	2,500.00
<b>II.</b>	<b>Folding scales and Measures of length used in weaving and packaging industry</b>	
	a. Length – 0.5 metre to 1 meter	3,000.00
	b. Above 1 metre	5,000.00
<b>III.</b>	<b>Surveying Chain</b>	
	a. Length 20 to 30 metres	7,500.00
	b. Above 30 metres	10,000.00
	c. Fabric Plastic, Woven and Steel Tapes Class I, II and III	15,000.00

**B. MEASURE OF CAPACITY**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEES</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>General</b>	
	a. Capacity measures without divisions not exceeding 1 litre	750.00
	b. Not exceeding 5 litres, each measure	3,000.00
	c. Above 5 litres for the first five litres	5,000.00
	d. For additional 5 litres or part thereof	2,500.00
	e. Cubic ballast measures (other than brim measure)	4,500.00
	f. Liquid capacity measures for making up and checking average quantity packages	1,200.00
	g. Templates: Per scale -first item	3,500.00
	h. Templates: Second and subsequent items	1,500.00

**C. WEIGHTS**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>Bullion (Cast Iron and Dead) Weights</b> a. Not exceeding 2 kilograms each weight b. Above 2 kilograms each weight	500.00 750.00
II.	<b>Carat Metric and Rider Weight</b> a. 1 milligram (0.005c) to 100 grams (500c) each weight b. For additional 100 grams (500c) each thereafter	2,000.00 1,000.00
III.	<b>Cylindrical Knob Type Weights</b> a. 1 gram to 500 grams b. 500 grams to 1 kilogram c. Above 1 kilogram for the first 1 kilogram d. For additional 1 kilogram or part thereof	500.00 1,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00
IV.	<b>Sheet Metal Weights</b> 1 milligram to 500 milligrams	1,000.00
V.	<b>Iron Hexagonal Weights, Knob Type Weights and Parallel -piped Weights</b> a. 1 gram to 500 grams b. 500 grams to 1 kilogram c. Above 1 kilogram for the first 1 kilogram d. For additional 1 kilogram or part thereafter	750.00 2,500.00 5,000.00 500.00

**D. WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>Beam Scale Classes A and B</b> a. Below 500 grams to 10 kilograms Over 10 kilograms to 200kg	10,000.00 15,000.00
II.	<b>Beam Scale Classes C and D</b> a. Below 500 grams to 10 kilograms Above 10 kilograms to 1000 kilograms	7,500.00 10,000.00
III.	<b>Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments both Mechanical and Electronic Classes DI and DII above</b> a. Not exceeding 5 kilograms b. Above 5 kilograms but not exceeding 10 kilograms c. Above 10 kilograms	3,000.00 5,000.00 10,000.00
IV.	<b>All Types of Non-Automatic Weighing Instrument Mechanical (Analogues) except instruments specified in Classes DIII and DIV below</b> a. Not exceeding 10 kilograms b. Above 10 kilograms but not exceeding 100 kilograms c. Above 100 kilograms but not exceeding 250 kilograms d. Above 250 kilograms but not exceeding 500 kilograms e. Above 500 kilograms but not exceeding 1 tonne f. Above 1 tonne for the first 1 tonne g. Every additional 1 tonne or part thereof	1,500.00 5,000.00 7,000.00 10,000.00 12,500.00 24,000.00 5,500.00

V.	<b>Non-Automatic Weighing Instrument Electronic Classes DIII and DIV below</b> a. Not exceeding 10 kilograms b. Above 10 kilograms but not exceeding 100 kilograms c. Above 100 kilograms but not exceeding 250 kilograms d. Above 250 kilograms but not exceeding 500 kilograms e. Above 500 kilograms but not exceeding 1 tonne f. Above 1 tonne for the first 1 tonne g. Every additional 1 tonne or part thereof	1000.00 5,000.00 7,000.00 10,000.00 12,500.00 24,000.00 5,500.00
VI.	<b>Automatic Weighing Instruments</b> a. Not exceeding 10 kilograms b. Above 10 kilograms but not exceeding 100 kilograms c. Above 100 kilograms but not exceeding 250 kilograms d. Above 250 kilograms but not exceeding 500 kilograms e. Above 500 kilograms but not exceeding 1 tonne f. Above 1 tonne for the first 1 tonne g. Every additional 1 tonne or part thereof	3,000.00 4,500.00 10,000.00 12,500.00 15,000.00 26,000.00 7,500.00
VII.	<b>Automatic Weighing Machine and Totalizing Machine, each Spout</b> a. Not exceeding 10 kilograms b. Exceeding 10 kilograms c. Egg-grading machine, each unit d. Each egg poise	15,000.00 25,000.00 5,000.00 1,000.00
VIII.	Balance of precision and Analytical Balance	5,000.00

**E. VOLUMETRIC MEASURING INSTRUMENTS USED FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF LIQUID FUEL, LUBRICANTS, LIQUOR, SOFT DRINKS AND WATER**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	Piston type each instrument	1,250.00
II.	<b>Container type including batteries of can or barrel fillers:</b> a. Each container capacity not exceeding 20 litres b. Each container capacity exceeding 20 litres	2,500.00 6,000.00
III.	<b>Dispenser other than Classes E (I to II) above</b> a. Dispensing pump – each pump/nozzle b. Volumetric Fillers – each Spout c. Totalizing Counter d. Other Instruments exceeding 100 litres for the first 100 litres e. Every additional 100 litres or part thereof f. Not exceeding 100 litres but above 50 litres g. Not exceeding 50 litres but above 20 litres h. Not exceeding 20 litres	5,000.00 4,000.00 3,500.00 7,500.00 1,000.00 3,500.00 2,000.00 1,500.00
IV.	<b>Flowmeters – Bulk Meter Type Each Instrument</b> a. Flow Rate less than 100 litres per minute b. Flow rate above 100 litres per minute up to 500 litres per minute c. Flow rate above 500 litres per minute up to 1,500 litres per minute d. Flow rate above 1,500 litres per minute up to 2,500 litres per minute e. Flow rate above 2,500 litres per minute up to 5,000 litres per minute f. Flow rate above 5,000 litres per minute	20,000.00 25,000.00 30,000.00 40,000.00 50,000.00 60,000.00

V.	<b>Road Tanker Fuel measuring Equipment</b>	
	<b>1. For Calibrated tanks and tank wagons without metres</b>	
	a. Each unit or compartment of capacity not exceeding 1,500.00	5,000.00
	b. Each calibrated unit or compartment above 1,500.00 litres for the first 1,500 litres	10,000.00
	c. For every additional 500 litres	5,000.00
	<b>2. For Calibrated tanks and tank wagons with measuring systems</b>	
	a. Wet hose type with two testing liquid	10,000.00
	b. Dry hose type with two testing liquid	12,000.00
	c. Dual wet and dry	17,000.00

**NOTE: A charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing ancillary equipment which require additional testing on site such as credit card acceptors, shall be based on the basic fee given above plus additional charge per officer per hour.**

**F. APPROVAL OF PATTERN**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>FUEL DISPENSERS</b>	
	a. Each instrument	250,000.00
	b. Each Component	50,000.00
II.	<b>Weighing Instruments</b>	
	a. Each instrument not exceeding 250 kilograms	50,000.00
	b. Each instrument above 250 kilograms	100,000.00
III.	Measuring Instruments other than Class FI above	125,000.00
IV.	Weigh Bridges	300,000.00
V.	Vending Machines	50,000.00
VI.	ATM Machines	750,000.00
VII.	Heavy Duty Notes Counting Machines	350,000.00
VIII.	Other Notes Counting Machines	50,000.00
IX.	Taxi meters	25,000.00
X.	Water Metres	150,000.00
XI.	Electricity Metres	150,000.00
XII.	Gas Metres	250,000.00
XIII.	Tank Gauging Systems	250,000.00
XIV.	Clocking Machine	50,000.00
XV.	Gaming Machine	200,000.00
XVI.	Telecommunication Reference Clocks	200,000.00
XVII.	Telecommunication Metering Systems	
	a. Each device capacity not exceeding 250,000 subscribers	450,000.00
	b. Each device capacity above 250,000 subscribers	750,000.00



XVIII	Telecommunication Billing Systems a. Each device capacity not exceeding 250,000 subscribers b. Each device capacity above 250,000 subscribers	550,000.00 950,000.00
XIX.	Supplementary approval	Half of the prescribed fee
XX.	Modification of approval of pattern	Half of the prescribed fee
XXI.	Renewal of approval of pattern	Half of the prescribed fee
XXII	Calibration	Half of the prescribed fee

**G. OTHER MEASURING INSTRUMENTS**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	Vehicles or measures used for the carriage for sale of sand, gravel, shingle, clinker of any description, granite, chippings and other materials commonly used in building, civil engineering industries as hard-core or aggregate	7,500.00
II.	Vending Machines other than ATMs	5,500.00
III.	Taxi Meters	5,000.00
IV.	ATM Machines	10,000.00
V.	Water Meters	1,000.00
VI.	Electricity Energy Meters	1,000.00
VII.	Tank Gauging Systems	25,000.00
VIII.	CNG, LNG or LPG Dispensers	20,000.00
IX.	Standards and equipment under section 5 of the Weights and Measures Act (Cap W3 LFN 2004)	5,000.00
X.	Clocking Machine	5,000.00
XI.	Gaming Machine	10,000.00
XII.	Scanners (price)	2,000.00
XIII.	Heavy Duty Notes Counting Machines	7,500.00
XIV.	Other Notes Counting Machines	5,000.00
XV.	Moulds	5,000.00

**H. ADJUSTING FEES**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>Weights</b> a. Below 5 kilograms, each weight b. 5 kilograms and above, each weight	500.00 1,250.00
II.	<b>Measures Capacity</b> a. Not exceeding one litre, each measure b. Above one litre, each measure	1,500.00 2,500.00

III.	<b>Weighing Instrument</b> a. Balancing each instrument b. Adjusting of solid poise c. Adjusting of counter poise weighs, each weight d. Fitting of stamping plug or seal	1,000.00 1,500.00 500.00 1,500.00
IV.	<b>Measuring instrument used for the measurement of liquid fuel, lubricating oil, liquor and other liquid</b> a. Adjustment of measure delivered, each instrument	1,500.00

**I. WEIGHTS, MEASURES, WEIGHING AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS USED FOR THE BULK MEASUREMENT OF LIQUID FUEL, LUBRICATING OIL, LIQUOR AND SOFT DRINKS OTHER THAN THE DEVICES IN "E"**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>Prover Tanks</b> a. Not exceeding 100 litres b. Above 100 litres but not exceeding 500 litres c. Above 500 litres, first 500 litres d. Every additional 100 litres or part thereof	5,000.00 10,000.00 12,500.00 1,500.00
II.	<b>Others</b> a. Pressure tester b. Master Metre c. Bulk Flowmeter d. Prover loops e. Thermometers (Industrial) f. Thermometers (Others) g. Hydrometers h. Decade Boxes i. Dipping Tapes j. Pressure Gauges (Industrial) k. Vulcanizer/Other Gauges l. Water Draw Systems	10,000.00 35,000.00 25,000.00 25,000.00 5,000.00 1,000.00 2,500.00 5,000.00 5,000.00 2,500.00 1,000.00 25,000.00

**J. STANDARDIZED INDIGENOUS MEASURES OF CAPACITY**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	<b>Indigenous Measures</b> a. Not exceeding five litres b. Exceeding five litres	500.00 1,500.00

**K. REGISTRATION**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
I.	Pre-makers of commodity	20,000.00
II.	Users of weights, measures, weighing or measuring instrument not included in Classes I and K of this Schedule	20,000.00
III.	Makers, manufacturers, repairers and calibrators of weights, measures, weighing or measures of instruments not included in Classes I and K of this schedule	20,000.00

IV.	Weigh Bridge attendant	20,000.00
V.	Renewal of registration not included in Classes I and K of this schedule	Half of the prescribed fee

**PART II****A. LICENSING AND RENEWAL FEES FOR MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND REPAIRERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

S/N	DESCRIPTION	FEES
1.	Manufacturers	250,000.00
2.	Dealers	150,000.00
3.	Repairers	100,000.00
4.	Fee for the alteration of license	20,000.00
5.	Fee for the issue of duplicate license	20,000.00

**SIXTH SCHEDULE**

[Section 40]

*Standard metric quantities for pre-packed goods*

<i>Description Of Goods</i>	<i>Quantity, when packed in rigid primary containers of glass, plastic, or metal</i>	<i>Quantity, when packed in containers other than those specified in the second column</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
<b>1. Bacon &amp; Sausages</b>	100g., 200g., 300g., 400g., 500g., 1kg, thereafter by steps of 500g.	100g, 200g, 250g, 300g, 350g, 400g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 500g.
<b>2. Barley</b>	--	100g, .25 0g., 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg to 50kg., 80kg.
<b>3. Beans and peas</b>	--	250g., 500g., 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg., to 10kg., 90kg.
<b>4. Beer</b>	20cl, 50cl, 60cl.	
<b>5. Biscuits</b>	5g. 10g. 15g. by steps of 5g., to 100g., 150g., 200g., 300g., 400g. , 500g., 1kg, thereafter by steps of 500g.	100g, 200g, 300g, 400g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 500g.
<b>6. Bread</b>	--	200g and multiples of 50g. thereof.
<b>7. Butter</b>	100g, 200g, 227g, 300g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.	250g., 500g., 1kg.
<b>8. Cassava &amp; Yam Flour</b>	--	50g., 100g., by step of 50g. to 500g., 1kg., 2kg., 3kg., 4kg., 5kg., 60kg.
<b>9. Cement</b>	50kg	

<b>10. Cocoa powder</b>	20g., 30g., 40g., by step of 10g., to 100g., thereafter by steps of 100g, up to 1kg., thereafter by steps of 1kg.	20g., 30g., 40g., by step of 10g., to 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.
<b>11. Coffee, tea (other than tea in chests) chicory mixture</b>	100g, 200g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 250g.	100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.
<b>12. Custard powder</b>	20g., 30g., 40g., by step of 10g., to 100g, 250g, 300g, 500g, thereafter by steps of 250g. up to 2kg., thereafter by steps of 1kg.	20g., 30g., 40g., by step of 10g., to 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg., 30kg.
<b>13. Cream (edible)</b>	20ml, 30ml, 40ml, by steps to 10ml to 100ml., thereafter by steps of 100ml up to 1 litre, 2kg., 4kg., 8kg., 18kg.	100ml., thereafter by steps of 100ml up to 1 litre.
<b>14. Cream (cosmetics)</b>	100g, thereafter in steps of 25g.	-
<b>15. Edible oil</b>	20ml, 30ml, 40ml, steps of 10ml to 100ml., thereafter by steps of 100ml. to 1 litre, thereafter in steps of 1 litre to 5 litres, 2kg., 4kg., 8kg., 18kg., 40kg.	100ml., thereafter by steps of 100ml up to 1 litre.
<b>16. Flour of oats, rice, beans, soya beans, rye self-raising flour</b>	20g., 30g., 40g., by steps of 10g., to 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.	100g, 250g, 1kg
<b>17. Food drinks (e.g., Ovaltine, Bournvita)</b>	5g. 10g. 15g. by steps of 5g., to 100g, 225g, 450g, 900g, 2,250g.	--
<b>18. Liquid fuel</b>	250ml., 500ml., 1litre to 20 litres in steps of 1 litre, then by steps of 5 litres to 100 litres, thereafter by steps of 10 litres.	--
<b>19. Liquid fungicides and insecticides</b>	250ml., 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.	250ml., 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.
<b>20. Liquid polish</b>	100ml., then by steps of 100ml., to 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.	100ml., then by steps of 100ml., to 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.
<b>21. Liquid soap, liquid detergent (not exceeding 5 litres)</b>	100ml., then by steps of 100ml., to 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.	100ml., then by steps of 100ml., to 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre.
<b>22. Livestock feeds</b>	--	50kg.
<b>23. Lubricating oil excluding greases (exceeding 200ml not exceeding 20 litres)</b>	250ml., 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre to 20 litres.	250ml, 500ml.
<b>24. Maize flour</b>	-	100g., 500g., 1kg., thereafter by steps of 1kg., to 10kg., 20kg., 50kg., 90kg.

25. Maize grain	-	1kg., thereafter by steps of 1kg., to 10kg., 20kg., 50kg., 90kg.
26. Maize bran	-	50kg., thereafter by steps of 5kg.
25. Margarine, mixture of margarine and butter and tomato products	5g., 10g., 15g., by steps of 5g., to 100g., by steps of 25g., to 1kg., thereafter by steps of 250g., up to 5kg.	100g, 250g, 1kg.
26. Milk (not exceeding 5 litres) excluding evaporated or condensed milk	50ml, 100ml, 150ml, 200ml., 250ml., 500ml., 1 litre, thereafter by steps of 1 litre, except tinned milk in 100ml., 200ml., 300ml., 400ml., 500ml.	-
27. Milk powder including milk food and milk food substitutes for feeding infants	5g., 10g., 15g., by steps of 5g., to 1kg., thereafter by steps of 50g. up to 1kg, then by steps of 1kg afterwards.	200g., 250g., 450g., 500g., 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.
28. Millet	--	80kg.
29. Paint and distemper	125ml., 250ml., 500ml., 1 litre, 2 litres, 4 litres, 20 litres, 500g., 1kg., 3kg., 6kg., 10kg., 25kg, 50kg.	500g., 1kg.
30. Rice	-	250g, 500g, 1kg, 3kg, 4kg, 5kg, 10kg, 20kg, 50kg, 100kg.
31. Rice bran	-	50kg, thereafter by steps of 5kg.
32. Rice paddy	-	75kg.
33. Salt	20g., 30g., 40g., 50g., 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg.	100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 20kg, 25kg, 40kg, 50kg, 100kg.
34. Soaps (including detergent powder and scourer)	-	100g, 150g, 200g, 250g, 300g, 400g, 500g, 800g, 1kg, 1.25kg, 1.5kg 2kg, 2.25kg.
35. Soft drinks and mineral water	10cl., thereafter by steps of 1cl., to 1 litre.	-
36. Shoe polish	15ml., 30ml., 40ml., 100ml.	-
37. Solid polish (other than shoe polish)	100g, then by steps of 100g., to 1kg., thereafter by steps of 1kg.	-
38. Spices	5g., 10g., 15g., by steps of 5g., to 100g, 200g, 300g, 400g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.	100g, 200g, 300g, 400g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.
39. Squashes and fruit juices	10cl., thereafter by steps of 1cl., to 1 litre.	-
40. Stout	30cl, 60cl.	-
41. Sweets (sugar confectionery)	100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.	100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg.

42. Sugar	-	50g., 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg., to 10kg., 50kg., 100kg.
43. Sunflower seed	-	40g
44. Toilet paper	-	200, 300 sheets per roll, 140 to 100 sq.cm per sheet.
45. Tomato products (see item 27)		
46. Wheat flour and wheat grain	-	250g, 500g, 1kg, thereafter by steps of 1kg to 10kg, 20kg, 50kg, 90kg.
47. Yeast	100g, 500g, 1kg, 2.5kg, 25kg.	-

**Note:**

\*Packaged Goods under 100 grammes shall be prepacked only if this is in whole number of grammes and shall be lawful only if in quantities are multiples of 5 grammes.

\*\*any goods (foods or drinks) to be packaged in quantities below 5 grammes shall be permitted only if it has health effects and shall be subject to approval by the Minister and the Minister of Health jointly.

**SEVENTH SCHEDULE****PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF THE NIGERIA WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATORY AGENCY.**

1.(a) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make Standing Orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its Committees.

(b)The quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board including the Executive Director, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.

2.(a) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(b) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at the meeting.

(c) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.

3.(a) The Board may establish one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.

(b) A Committee established under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(c) A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is ratified by the Board.

4.(a) The fixing of the Seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, the Executive Director or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.

(b) A contract or Instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under Seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Agency by the Executive Director or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.

(c) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the Seal of the Agency shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

(d) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a Committee shall not be adversely affected by –

(i) A vacancy in the membership of the Board or Committee;

(ii) A defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee; or

(iii) Reason that a person entitled to do so took part in proceedings of the Board or Committees.

#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill seeks to Repeal the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, LFN, 2004 and Establishment of the Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency, for the Development and Enforcement of Varying Scopes of Legal Metrology Standards for the Promotion of Fair Trade, Protection of Public Health, Safety and the Environment.