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DO YOUR SCALES MEASURE UP?

Businesses operating commercial scales must register each device with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) on an annual basis. *Failure to register a commercial device with the department may result in administrative penalties.*

WHAT CONSTITUTES A COMMERCIAL SCALE?

A commercial scale is one that is used to determine the price a consumer pays for an item based on the unit's measure.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY SCALE?

You need to complete a *RWM-700 Weights & Measures Device Registration Certificate Application*. The form, along with instructions, can be found on TDA's website:

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/WeightsandMeasures/WeightsMeasuresForms.aspx>

To register online, go to <https://licensing.texasagriculture.gov/>

WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?

Devices that are Legal for Trade

A scale being used for commercial purposes must be deemed *legal for trade*. In order to be used commercially, scales must meet the minimum standards required by the state as outlined in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44.

<http://www.nist.gov/pml/wmd/index.cfm>

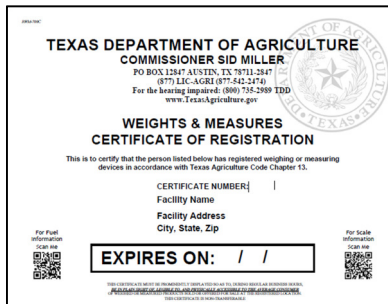
Licensed Service Company

Before a scale is used for commercial transactions; it must be placed into service by a *licensed service company*. The service company will install and calibrate the scale, as well as verify that it is legal for trade. A list of service companies can be found on the Reports & Publications page of our website:

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/WeightsandMeasures/WeightsMeasuresReportsPublications.aspx>

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

TDA will mail your license and consumer information sticker(s) after reviewing and approving your application. Then, TDA will schedule an inspection at your location to ensure the scale is in compliance.



A weights and measures certificate must be prominently displayed in view of the consumer.

Affix a consumer information sticker on or near each device used for commercial transactions. Stickers must be in plain sight of the consumer.



QUESTIONS?

Contact us at

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