ABSTRACT

Rules – The Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (Central Act 1 of 2010) - Amendment to Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 for inclusion of eleven categories of Low-Risk weights and measures for the purpose of Self-Certification mechanism – Preliminary Notification – Orders - Issued.

LABOUR WELFARE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT (M1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.) No.75 Dated: 29.10.2026
பராபவ வருடம், ஐப்பசி 12,
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு, 2057.

Read:-

From the Commissioner of Labour, Chennai-600 040, Letter No.M2/10382/2026, dated 05.09.2026 and 18.09.2026.

ORDER: -

In the letter read above, the Commissioner of Labour has stated that in the context of the Business Reforms suggested by the Guidance Bureau under Phase-II, the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, a State-level Committee comprising representatives of Manufacturers/Repairers/Dealers Associations, Consumer Forums and officers of the Department of Legal Metrology was constituted to examine the feasibility of permitting verification and stamping of instruments used for commercial purposes through self-certification in respect of low-risk weights and measures. The eleven low risk categories have been identified, taking into consideration factors such as the nature and extent of usage, financial impact of possible inaccuracies, the possibility of tampering, and the likelihood of adverse impact on consumer interests. Accordingly, eleven categories may be considered as low-risk weights and measures for the purpose of self-certification. He has therefore sent the draft notification and draft amendment to amend the Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011, for inclusion of the eleven categories of weights and measures for the purpose of self-certification mechanism.

2. The Government after careful examination, has decided to accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Labour to amend Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 for inclusion of the eleven categories of weights and measures for the purpose of self-certification mechanism as indicated in the appended notification.

3. The appended notification will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of Tamil Nadu Government Gazette both in English and Tamil.

4. The Director, Tamil Development and Information Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009 is requested to send the Tamil Translation of the Notification to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600 001.

5. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600 001 is requested to publish the preliminary notification and send five copies of the Gazette Notification to Government for reference and record.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. VEERA RAGHAVA RAO
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-600 001.
(for Publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette)
The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department, Chennai–600 009.
The Commissioner of Labour, Chennai-600 040.

Copy to

The Law Department, Chennai-600 009.
The Senior Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Labour Welfare and Skill Development), Chennai–600 009.
The Senior Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary to Government, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Chennai–600 009.
The Labour Welfare and Skill Development (OP-II) Department, Chennai–600 009.
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APPENDIX

NOTIFICATION

The following draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 which is proposed to be made in exercise of the powers conferred in sub-section (1) and (2) of section 53 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (Central Act 1 of 2010) is hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required under sub-section (4) of the said section 53 of the said Act.

Notice is hereby given that the following draft amendment will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of fifteen days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and that any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person with respect thereto before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Objection or suggestion if any, should be addressed to the Secretary to Government, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009 through the Commissioner of Labour, Chennai – 600 040.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

(1) in Rule 2 (i),- after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted namely:-

"(aa) "Low-Risk weight or measure" means such weight or measure specified in Schedule IX-A";

(ii) after clause (c) the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

(cc) "Self-Declaration of weight or measure" means a regulated system of compliance for the Low-Risk category of weight or measure, in which the user of such weight or measure submits an electronic declaration, through an online portal in a prescribed format, affirming conformity with the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder, on payment of prescribed fee, for the purpose of exemption from verification or re-verification of such weight or measure.

(2) in rule 14,-

(i) in sub-rule (1), after the expression "Every person using any weight or measure", the expression "other than those specified in schedule IX-A," shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-rule (2), for the expression "Legal Metrology Officer" the expression "Legal Metrology Officer or Government Approved Test Center" shall be substituted.

(3) after rule 14, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"14-A Certificate on Self-Declaration for Low-Risk weight or measure.—

(1) Every person using any weight or measure of Low-Risk Category, mentioned in Schedule IX-A shall make Self-Declaration with such fee specified in Schedule IX, through the designated online portal for certificate on Self-Declaration stamping of such Low-Risk weight or measure, in the prescribed manner and as specified by the Controller from time to time.

(2) The Certificate on Self-Declaration of a Low Risk weight or measure is valid for the period of validity of verification or re-verification of such weights or measures as specified in rule 27 of the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.

(3) The application for Certificate on Self-Declaration through online portal shall be made within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the verification certificate or certificate on Self-Declaration as the case may be.

(4) If any user fails to apply for Certificate on Self-Declaration through online portal within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the verification certificate or certificate on Self-Declaration as the case may be, such weight or measure shall undergo regular verification as per the provisions of rule 14.

(5) If any Low-Risk weight or measure is repaired before the expiry of validity of the certificate on Self-Declaration, it shall be put in to use only after obtaining the certificate on Self-Declaration again, on payment of such fee and in such manner as in sub-rule (1).

(6) The certificate on Self-Declaration shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the premises where the such Low-Risk weight or measure is used.

(7) A Legal Metrology Officer may, on his own or on any complaint received, visit the premises within the local limits of his jurisdiction to inspect any Low-Risk weight or measure which is stamped on Self-Declaration is used, to ensure the compliance of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (Central Act 1 of 2010) and Rules made thereunder.

(8) Misuse of certificate on Self-Declaration or furnishing false undertaking for obtaining certificate on Self-Declaration shall be punished with penalties prescribed under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (Central Act 1 of 2010) and Rules made thereunder.

(9) Any person applying for the certificate on Self-Declaration under this Rule shall give an undertaking that,—

(a) the weight or measure used by him falls under the Low-Risk category as specified in the Schedule IX-A.

(b) the weight or measure is duly conforming to the standards established by the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.

(c) the weight or measure is accurate, correct and properly maintained and is being used only for lawful commercial transactions.

(d) no unauthorized alteration, modifications are stamping has been made to the weight or measure.

(e) they undertake to produce weights and / or measures for inspection by the Legal Metrology Officers, whenever required.

(f) they are aware that, in case of submission of false or misleading information shall render them liable for penal action under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.

(10) any Low-Risk weight or measure which is presented before the Legal Metrology Officer or Government Approved Test Center for certificate on Self-Declaration made online, shall be stamped by the Legal Metrology Officer or State Government Approved Test Center, as the case may be and the certificate on Self-Declaration shall be issued online in the form set out in Schedule VIII-A.

(11) The Legal Metrology Officer / Government Approved Test Centre shall also mark the year and its quarter of stamping on every Low Risk weight or measure presented for certificate on Self-Declaration except when the size or nature of such weight or measure makes it impracticable.

(12) any person using any weight or measure of Low-Risk Category, mentioned in Schedule IX-A may opt for verification or re-verification of such weight or measure by Legal Metrology Officer under rule 14, before expiry of validity of verification certificate issued earlier.

(4) after Schedule VIII appended to the rules, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely:-

SCHEDULE – VIII-A

[See Rule 14-A (10)]

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Office of Controller of Legal Metrology

Certificate on Self Declaration

Name of Legal Metrology Officer: _____

No.: _____

I hereby certify that I have this day stamped based on self declaration the undermentioned weights, measures, etc. Belonging to: _____

Locality: _____

Items	Quantity	Denomination		Weighing Instruments				Measuring Instruments	Fee (Rs.)	Carriage, Conveyance adjusting charges etc.
		Weights	Measures	Capacity	Class	Manufacturer	Type			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)

Total Rs. _____ deposited vide T. Receipt / Money Receipt No. _____ dated _____

Repaired by / Used by

_____

Next verification due on _____

Legal Metrology Officer

(5) After Schedule IX appended to the rules, the following Schedules shall be inserted, namely:-

Schedule IX-A

[Rule 14-A(1)]

Low – Risk category of weights and measures for Certification on Self-Declaration

Sl. No.	Category of Weights and Measures
1.	Capacity Measures – upto 2 litres
2.	Length Measures
a.	Non-Flexible
b.	Fabric Plastic / Woven / Steel Tape
c.	Folding Scale
d.	Surveying Chain
3.	Beam Scale Class C and D
4.	Kitchen Scale up to capacity of 10kg (Domestic Usage)

5.	Person Weighing Scale (Mechanical - Domestic Usage)
6.	Counter machine up to capacity of 10 kg
7.	Iron hexagonal knob type weights and parallelopiped weights (Except test weights)
8.	Linear Measuring Instruments
9.	Water Meter
10.	Peg Measure
11.	Wagon

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