

The Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations 2006

There are special provisions for weighing machines, which were in use for checking packages, before 6 April 2006 and which are not approved for trade use to enable them to continue in the same use whilst still serviceable.

Please ask if you require advice on a particular piece of equipment.

Records

You must make records of the checks you have carried out. These records must show that you have complied with the rules. As a minimum, you should record the product, the batch number, the date, the number of packs in the batch, the number checked and the results of the check. It is also advisable to keep records of any action taken to correct defective packages.

The records must be kept for, at least, 12 months or the shelf life of the product, whichever is the earliest.

Markings

You must mark the packs with the following;

1. A statement of the nominal quantity.
This statement must be in metric and the size of the marking and format of any abbreviations is prescribed, e.g. for a 500g pack, the marking must be at least 4mm high
2. A name and address.
This must be a name and address in the UK (or EC for cosmetic products and products e-marked in other member states) and may be that of the packer, importer or other person who arranged for the packages to be made up.

You may mark the packs with the 'e' mark:



It must be at least 3mm high and appear in the same field of vision as the statement of quantity.

The 'e' mark acts as a metrological passport for goods sold throughout the European Community.

If you are a packer or importer or import from outside the EC) and want to mark goods with the 'e' mark, with the intention of exporting from the United Kingdom then you must first notify the local Trading Standards Service of the premises where this will take place (or the place of importation).

Importers and Average Quantity

If you import goods from outside the EC or from for ensuring that the packs comply with the Packers' Rules and that they are marked correctly. However, you may obtain and keep suitable documents from the packer (before the packages leave your possession) instead of carrying out checks.

More detailed guidance on the application of the Regulations can be found on the [BIS - National Measurement Office](#) website

Tolerable Negative Errors Table

Nominal Quantity (g or ml)	Tolerable Negative Error (TNE)
5 to 50	9% of nominal quantity
from 50 to 100	4.5g or ml
from 100 to 200	4.5% of nominal quantity
from 200 to 300	9g or ml
from 300 to 500	3% of nominal quantity
from 500 to 1,000	15g or ml
from 1,000 10,000	1.5% of nominal quantity
from 10,000 to 15,000	150g or ml
above 15,000	1% of nominal quantity

This advice is designed to provide basic guidance to traders. It is not a complete or authoritative statement of the law. For further assistance on this or any other Trading Standards legislation, please contact your nearest office. We will be pleased to offer this information in larger print or translated into any language on request.

For further information and advice contact your local area Trading Standards Officer on the following;

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