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**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT
(CS-II)**

AMENDMENT TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGAL METROLOGY (ENFORCEMENT)
RULES, 2011 PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION.

(G.O.Ms.No.7, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies (CS-II), 23rd June, 2026.)

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

The following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 proposed to be issued in exercise of powers conferred under section 53 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 is published for information of persons likely to be affected thereby. Notice is hereby given that the said draft amendments will be taken into consideration by the Government on or after expiry of fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

Any objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect thereto before the expiry of aforesaid period will be considered by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Objections and suggestions should be addressed to the Commissioner and Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Corporation Building, Ashok Nagar, Kanuru, Bandar Road, Vijayawada – 520007.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules:-

1. In Rule 2, after clause (o), the following clauses shall be added, namely-

(p) "Low-Risk Weight or Measure" means such Weight or Measure for which, the financial impact of its inaccuracy is negligible or minimal scope for manipulation, inherently stable and less prone to tampering, have a low likelihood of causing adverse impact on consumer interest or fairness of trade in the event of inaccuracy or non-compliance, while duly complying with the prescribed specifications.

(q) "Self-Certification of Weight or Measure": Self-Certification 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 re-verification of such Weight or Measure.

(r) "Third-Party Certification": Third-Party Certification means verification of weight or measure by the Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs) notified by the Central Government for Inter-State Commerce or by the State Government for Intra-State Commerce, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, in such manner as may be prescribed.

2. After sub-rule (1) of Rule 15, the following clause (a) shall be inserted, namely,-

(i) "1(a) Any user of Weight or Measure specified as low risk in schedule IX (A), shall get their Weight or Measure Self-certified in the prescribed manner and as specified by the Controller from time to time.

(ii) sub-rule (2) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(2)Where any Weight or Measure is such that it cannot, or should not, be moved from its location, Legal Metrology Officer or Third-Party agency as the case may be, shall take necessary steps for the verification of such weight or measure at the place of its location."

(iii) in sub-rule (7) of clause (a) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

(a) Any Weight or Measure due for reverification has not been submitted for such reverification or not yet Self-certified by the user in the prescribed manner, as the case may be.

(iv) sub-rule (8) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(8)The Certificate of Approval of Model issued by the Central Government shall be produced to the Legal Metrology Officer by the manufacturer or importer as the case may be, before verification. The user of the Weight or Measure shall keep a copy of such certificate of Approval of Model. The Legal Metrology Officer, the user / Third-Party Agency, as the case may be, shall incorporate the number of such Certificate of Approval of Model in the Verification Certificate/ Self Certification."

(v) sub-rule (9) of Rule 15, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely,-

"9(a) Provisions relating to Self-Certification:

No user who is in possession of a Weight or Measure of Low-Risk Category is permitted for Self-Certification of such Weight or Measure, unless he complies with the following conditions, namely –

(i) Initial Verification: All Weight or Measure classified under the Low-Risk category shall mandatorily undergo initial verification by the Legal Metrology Department or by the Third Party Agencies, as the case may be.

(ii) Eligibility for Self-Certification: Only those Weight or Measure that have been categorized under Low-Risk category and duly verified by the Legal Metrology officer initially are eligible for Self-Certification for subsequent re-verifications.

(iii) Application for Self-Certification: Every such user shall apply for Self-Certification within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the Verification Certificate or Self-Certification through the designated online portal, as the case may be.

(iv) Fee Payment: Fee shall be paid online, as prescribed in Schedule IX, for availing the facility of Self- certification.

(v)Online undertaking: The applicant shall submit an undertaking univocally confirming that:

- (a) The Weight or Measure is in proper working condition;
- (b) It conforms to the prescribed standards;
- (c) No tampering or alteration has been made;

(vi) Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification to be exhibited: Upon successful submission, the user shall download the "Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk Category Weight or Measure" and shall exhibit the same in a conspicuous place in the premises where the Weight, Measure or Weighing or Measuring Instrument to which such Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification relates are used.

(vii)Period of Validity of Self Certification: The validity of the certificate of the weight & measure shall be as specified in Rule 27 of Legal Metrology (General) Rules 2011.

(viii)Failure to apply within time: If any user fails to apply online for Self-Certification within the stipulated period for re-verification by themselves, the Self-Certification will not be permitted and such Weight or Measure shall undergo regular verification by the Legal Metrology Officer.

(ix)Inspection: The department may conduct random or complaint-based inspections to ensure the compliance of the Legal Me-

trology Act and Rules made thereunder to prevent the misuse of Self-Certification of the Low-Risk Weight or Measure.

(x) Misuse or false undertaking: Misuse of Certificate-cum-Declaration or false undertaking for Self-Certification under Low-Risk category shall attract penalties under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and Rules made thereunder."

3. after sub-rule (1) of Rule 16, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely,-

"(a) The user of a low-risk Weight or Measure as specified in Schedule IX (A) is exempted from the requirement of re-verification and stamping by the Legal Metrology Officer, subject to the condition that such user shall possess a "Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk Category Weight or Measure" as specified in Schedule VIII-A, in support of Self-Certification, in such manner, as prescribed under these rules.

(b) For those weight or measure, that are notified for Third-Party certification by the Central Government for Inter-State Commerce or by the State Government for Intra-State Commerce, as the case may be, such Third-Party Agencies can stamp such Weight or Measure, if after verification, he is satisfied that such Weight or Measure conforms to the standards established by or under the Act and Rules made thereunder, in the manner, as specified by the Controller.

Provided that if any user of Low-Risk Weight or Measure as specified in Schedule IX (A), opts to get any of his Weight or Measure to be verified by the Department, before the expiry of validity period voluntarily, the Legal Metrology Officer shall verify such Weight or Measure upon receipt of an online application and after payment of prescribed fee as per Schedule IX."

4. after sub-rule (1) of Rule 17, the following clause shall be inserted, namely,-

"(a) Fee payable for Self-Certification of Low-Risk category of Weight or Measure shall be at the rate specified in Schedule IX (B)."

5. After Schedule VIII appended to the rules, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely,-

"Schedule VIII-A

Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk Category Weight or Measure

[Under rule 16(1) (b)]

Certificate No _____ Date _____

I. Particulars of the user / establishment

- i. Name of the User / Establishment: _____
- ii. Address of the establishment: _____
- iii. Nature of Business: _____
- iv. Contact Details:
 - a. Mobile No.: _____
 - b. Email Id: _____
- v. Previous Certificate / Verification Certificate No.: _____

II. Details of Self-verified Weight & Measure (Low-Risk Category):

I/We hereby self-certify that I/we have this day Self-verified the under mentioned Weights, Measures etc., belonging to us.

Sl. No.	Description of Weights / Measures	Place of Use	Make/ Model Ap-approval	Capacity	Quantity	Self-certification fee	Total fee
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

(Col No. 8) Grand Total Rs. _____ (in words Rupees Only)
 deposited vide CFMS Challan No. _____ Date _____

Note:

1. Display this Certificate on conspicuous place of the business premises.
2. Every user who opts for Self-Certification shall apply within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the Self-Certification Certificate or the Verification Certificate as the case may be, through the designated online portal.
3. If any user fails to apply online within the stipulated period for re-verification, the Self-Certification will not be permitted and such Weight or Measure shall undergo regular verification by the Legal Metrology Officer.

4. If any Weight or Measure is repaired before the due date of Self- certification, the user should get it Re-Self-Certified or Re-Verified, as the case may be, on payment of the prescribed fee, before being put in to use.

5. Declaration and Undertaking for Self – Certification:

I / We hereby declare that:

- i. The above Weight or Measure fall under the Low-Risk Category as specified by the State Government.
- ii. The above Weight or Measure are duly conforming to the Standards established by the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.
- iii. The Weight or Measure are accurate, correct and properly maintained and are being used only for lawful commercial transactions.
- iv. No un-authorized alteration, modification or stamping has been made to any Weight or Measure.
- v. I / We undertake to produce Weights and / or Measures for inspection by the Legal Metrology Officers, whenever required.
- vi. I / We are aware that, in case of submission of false or misleading information shall render me / us liable for penal action under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.

6. Place, Date and Signature

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of User / Authorized signatory

Next Self-Certification due on _____"

6. In Schedule IX appended to the rules, after Sl. No. 29, the following shall be added, namely,-

"30. Load Cell

Denomination	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
upto 5kN	2000.00
above 5kN and upto 100kN	5000.00

31. Gas Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
i. Domestic	500.00
ii. Commercial	2000.00
iii. Industrial	5000.00

32. Energy Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
i. Domestic	1000.00
ii. Commercial	3000.00
iii. Industrial	5000.00

33. Moisture Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Moisture Meters	2500.00

34. Speed Meters for Vehicles

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Speed Meters for Vehicles	15000.00

35. Breath Analyser

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Breath Analyser	2500.00

36. Multi-Dimensional Measuring Instruments

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Multi-Dimensional Measuring Instruments	3600.00"

7. After Schedule IX appended to the rules, the following Schedules shall be inserted, namely,-

**"Schedule IX-A
[Rule 15(1)]**

Low – Risk Category of Weights and Measures for Self-Certification

Sl. No.	Category of Weights and Measures
1	Platform scales of Maximum Capacity up to 50 kg
2	Spring Balances of Capacity up to 20 kg
3	All Length measures other than the Tape Measures and Non-Flexible Length Measures
4	All Capacity Measures up to the Capacity of 2 litre
5	Bathroom Scales (Mechanical) above 120 kg
6	Kitchen Scales
7	Tubular Balances
8	Person Weighing Machines
9	Baby or Child Weighing Scales (Mechanical)
10	Weight Grading Machines"

**Schedule IX-B
[Rule 17(1)(a)]**

(Fee for self certification of Low-Risk category of Weight or Measure)

Fee for all the Weight or Measure permitted for Self-Certification is as specified in Schedule IX.

K. KANNA BABU,
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