


Authorization to use Common Tare

To apply for a common tare, complete both the weighmaster certificate and a Common Tare Notice. Mail the originals of each to DMS within 5 days of weighing. Maintain a copy of the Common Tare Notice at each weighing location where it will be used. **Note:** The common tare weight only applies to the containers in the lot from which the random sample was selected.

The Common Tare Notice is available on the Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) website at <http://cdfa.ca.gov/dms/forms.html>.

State of California
Department of Food and Agriculture
Division of Measurement Standards
6790 Florin Perkins Road, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95828
(916) 229-3000

Clear Form 

COMMON TARE NOTICE

To be maintained at each weighing location using this tare. The actual tare shall not vary from this common tare by more than two-tenths (0.2) pound or two percent (2%), whichever is greater.

Code Designation **CCG-B-1** Effective Date **3/1/15** Common Tare Weight **119** lb
 Replaces existing common tare

Business Name CALIFORNIA CANNERS AND GROWERS	Business Phone 406-555-1515	County SANTA CLARA
Address P.O. BOX 70130	City SUNNYVALE	State Zip Code CA 94036

Established by Weighmaster Certificate Number(s) **1234** (attached)
under the authority of California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 9, Article 5, Sections 4440-4443

Type of Tare (Check one only)	Dimensions (Check one only)	Dimensions in Inches:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exterior	47 Length
<input type="checkbox"/> Boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior	47 Width
<input type="checkbox"/> Pallets		28 Height
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

Container Description: **Solid plywood sides, vented bottoms, forklift protectors, corner caps, and braces.**
 Outside runner is 3 1/2 X 1 3/4 inches.

Marks: **CAL CAN**

Commodity: **APPLES, PEARS**

Location Address 444 W CALIFORNIA STREET	City SUNNYVALE	County SANTA CLARA
Location Address	City	County

Number weighed **100** Total number in use **500**
 Total container weight **11,850** lb / Number weighed **100** = Average weight **118.5** lb

Weighmaster Name ABC SCALES	License Number 0001	Business Phone 408-555-5252
Residence Address 1500 ANTELOPE ROAD	City SUNNYVALE	Zip Code 94088

Deputy Weighmaster Signature _____ Submitted Date **3/1/15**

The originals of this Common Tare Notice and the weighmaster certificate(s) issued to establish the common tare are to be mailed to the Division of Measurement Standards, 6790 Florin Perkins Road, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95828, (916) 229-3000, within five (5) business days. Rev. 9/9



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Understanding How to Establish Common Tare Weights





What is a Common Tare?

A common tare (C.T.) is the average weight of a group (lot) of containers or pallets under the control of one user. The weight is determined by a weighmaster prior to use.

Authority / Reference

Business and Professions Code, Division 5, sections 12027, 12723, and 12735; California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 9, sections 4440 – 4450

Establishing a Common Tare

The following items are necessary to establish a common tare weight:

- Licensed weighmaster
- County sealed scale (verify zero balance)
- A group of containers, which
 - are under the control of one user,
 - are free from foreign matter,
 - are in usable condition,
 - weigh less than 1,000 lb each, and
 - are within a uniform weight range
- Common Tare Notice Form
- “Tare Only” weighmaster certificate

The weighmaster shall individually, or as specified for palletized containers, weigh a randomly selected sample. The common tare weight is established by mathematically dividing the total weight of the sample by the number of containers in the sample.

It is the responsibility of the party for whom the tare was established to maintain the tare weight within the tolerance.

Container Sample Size

For containers used individually, the minimum sample size is 96, or 100% of the containers, whichever is less.

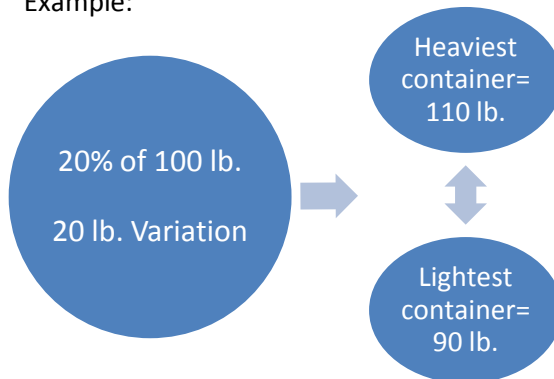
For palletized containers, the minimum sample size is determined in the chart below.

Containers Per Pallet	Minimum Pallet Loads to be Weighed
<10	96 or 100%, whichever is less
10-19	37 or 100%, whichever is less
20-29	22 or 100%, whichever is less
50 or more	11 or 100%, whichever is less

Uniform Weight Range

The uniform weight range is the weight from the average that any individual container in the lot may weigh plus or minus 0.2 lb or 20% whichever is greater. The uniform weight range for a lot weighing an average of 100 pounds is shown below.

Example:



Rounding

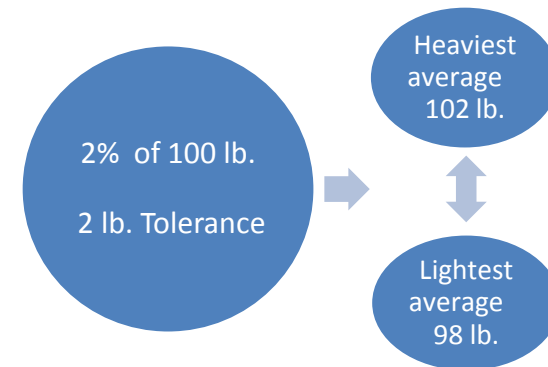
Common tare weights are rounded as follows:

Container Tare Weight	Weight Shall be Rounded to the Nearest
<30 lb.	One-tenth (0.1) lb.
30 lb. or more	Nearest one (1) lb.

Tolerance

Common tare weights shall be maintained as close as practicable to the established tare weight. When verified by enforcement officials, the average weight of a group of containers cannot exceed the tolerance level of 2% of the *established* tare weight. The tolerance for a common tare weight of 100 pounds is shown below.

Example:



Use on Weighmaster Certificates

The following information must appear on weighmaster certificates when a common tare weight is used:

- The fact that a common tare weight is being used
- The common tare weight (C.T.)
- Description of the container/code designation
- Processor/user for whom the common tare weight has been established

Example Certificate – Establishing Common Tare

WEIGHMASTER CERTIFICATE			#1234
<small>THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following described commodity was weighed, measured, or counted by a weighmaster, whose signature is on this certificate, who is a recognized authority of accuracy, as prescribed by Chapter 7 commencing with Section 12700) of Division 5 of the California Business and Professions Code, administered by the Division of Measurement Standards of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.</small>			
Weighed for:	California Cannery & Growers		
Delivered to:	California Cannery & Growers		
Driver:			
WEIGHT IN LB		ABC SCALES - Weighmaster	
TARE ONLY	GROSS	By: _____ DEPUTY Weighmaster	
11,850	TARE	By: Susan Morris DEPUTY Weighmaster - 3899	
TARE ONLY	NET	Weighed at: 1500 Antelope Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 TRUCK	
REMARKS:		UNITS	MARKS
To establish common tare weight on bins.		100	Bins - Empty
CCG-B-1 C.T. 119 lb.		CCG-B-1	Cal Can