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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FIELD REFERENCE MANUAL (2022)

Chapter 12 Administration Sections 4700. through 4801.

Article 1. Permit Reform Act Article 2. Weights and Measures Penalty Guidelines



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

WEIGHING AND MEASURES

Part 12 - Administration

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Chapter 12. Administration §§ 4700-4801

ARTICLE 1. Permit Reform Act.

§ 4700. Permit Processing Times (Including Licenses, Permits, Registrations and Certificates).

(a) Within the number of calendar days of receipt of an application for a permit shown in column A of subsection (c), the Division shall inform the applicant in writing that the application is either complete and accepted for filing, or that it is deficient, and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the application. An application is considered complete if all necessary fees and information required by the application form have been submitted.

(b) Within the number of calendar days after receipt of a complete application, as shown in column B of subsection (c), the Department shall approve or disapprove the application.

(c) The Division's minimum, median, and maximum time periods, in calendar days, for processing an application from the receipt of the initial application to the final decision, based on the Department's actual performance during the two years immediately preceding the proposal of this section, are shown in columns C, D, and E of the chart which follows.

	Α	В	С	D	E		
Permit Type	Maximum time for notifying that application is complete or	after receipt of a complete application M		ACTUAL DAYS TO PROCESS BASED ON PRIOR TWO YEARS Minimum Median Maximum			
	deficient (Days)	issue or deny permit (Days)	(Days)				
Device Repairman Registration	30	35	1	6	52		
- Renewal	7	60	1	17	66		
Weighmaster License	15	45	1	12	84		
- Renewal	45	45	1	12	84		

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 15376, Government Code; and Section 12027, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 15376, Government Code.

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§ 4701. Appeal Procedure.

(a) The following information shall be included on application forms for all Department permits subject to Government Code Sections 15374-15378:

"The Department of Food and Agriculture has established time periods for the processing of permit applications, in compliance with Government Code Sections 15374-15378. Failure to comply with these time periods may be appealed to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, P.O. Box 942871, Sacramento, CA 94271-0001, pursuant to regulations set forth in Title 4, California Code of Regulations, Section 4701. Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may order that the applicant receive a reimbursement of filing fees."

(b) An applicant whose application for a permit has not been processed by the Department within the time periods established by Section 4700 may appeal in writing to the Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture. The appeal shall set forth a concise statement of facts and chronology of events regarding the application. An appeal concerning a permit application on which a final decision has been made must be filed within 30 days of the date the applicant was notified of the decision.

(c) The Secretary shall promptly review an appeal filed under this section and, shall issue a decision within 30 days after conducting any investigation of the matter which the Secretary deems appropriate.

(d) If the Secretary finds that a program exceeded the time limit for informing the permit applicant that an application is complete or is deficient and requires additional information to be processed, the Secretary shall direct the program to make its determination by a specified date and so inform the applicant.

(e) The time period within which the Department must make a decision to issue or deny the permit commences with the date the complete application is received. If the Secretary finds that the Department exceeded the time period for acting on a completed application without the good cause defined by Government Code Section 15376(h), all filing fees paid by the permit applicant will be refunded.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 15376 and 15378, Government Code; and Section 12027, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 15376 and 15378, Business and Professions Code.

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ARTICLE 2. Weights and Measures Penalty Guidelines

§ 4800. Notice of Proposed Action and Disposition.

(a) When a county sealer takes administrative action, the person charged with a violation (s) shall be notified of the proposed penalty(s) and the right to request a hearing. The notification shall also include the right to appeal to the Secretary pursuant to the procedures provided in Section 12015.3(c) or Section 13302 as appropriate of the Business and Professions Code.

(b) When the State Sealer takes administrative action, the person charged with the violation(s) shall be notified of the proposed penalty(s), and the right to request a hearing. The notification shall also include the right to have the decision reviewed, within 30 days of receiving the sealer's decision, pursuant to Section 12015.3(c) of the Business and Professions Code.

(c) When a respondent in an administrative action agrees to stipulate to the notice of proposed action, a signed stipulation with the payment of the proposed administrative penalty shall be returned to the county/State Sealer within 45 days of the postmark of the notice of proposed action. If the stipulation and payment of the proposed administrative penalty are not received within 45 days, the county/State Sealer may file a certified copy of a final decision that directs the payment of a civil penalty with the clerk of the superior court of any county pursuant to Section 12015.3(d) of Business and Professions Code.

(d) If an administrative hearing is requested, a proposed decision and order shall be made by a hearing officer within 60 days of the conclusion of the hearing. The final decision and order shall be made by the sealer. This order will be mailed to the respondent. Any penalty imposed shall be due and payable within 45 days of the postmark of such order. If a respondent fails to pay the penalty and fails to timely file a written appeal pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 12015.3(c) or 13302(c), the sealer may take action as provided in Business and Professions Code Sections 12015.3(d) or 13302(d). Action may be taken to collect the penalty and the collection costs actually incurred.

(e) In the event that a respondent fails to comply with the provisions of Business and Professions Code Sections 12015.3 or 13302, the sealer may take the action proposed without a hearing. This action may include collection of the penalty and the collection costs actually incurred.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 12015.3(b) and 13302(b), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 12015.3(b) and 13302(b), Business and Professions Code.

§ 4801. Administration.

(a) When a county sealer initiates an action, the sealer shall send a copy of the notice of proposed action to the State Sealer at the time of notice to the person charged with the violation(s). Additionally, the county sealer shall inform the State Sealer of violations for which penalties have been assessed. On at least an annual basis, the State Sealer shall inform county sealers throughout the State of violations for which penalties have been assessed.

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(b) When the State initiates the action, the State Sealer shall send a copy of the notice of proposed action to the county sealer involved. This notice shall also be sent, at the time of notice, to the person charged with the violation(s). The State Sealer shall also inform the county sealer in which the action has been initiated of violations for which penalties have been assessed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 12027, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 12027, Business and Professions Code.

§ 4802. Penalty Guidelines.

In applying Sections 12015.3 or 13302 of the Business and Professions Code, the sealer shall use the provisions of this section to determine the types of violations for which penalties may be assessed and the amounts of the penalties. Nothing in this article prohibits a sealer from seeking other relief through the criminal or civil court process in lieu of administrative action.

(a) For the purposes of this article, violation types are designated as "Category A", "Category B", and "Category C".

- (1) "Category A" violations are violations in which there are actual, or there is the potential for actual false, deceptive, or misleading business practices, or significant monetary loss to consumers; or repeated violations of subparagraph (2) that occurred within a two-year period at the same location and which resulted in an action and subsequent penalty. Included in this category are certain violations subject to prior legislated fine levels pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 12729. The appropriate penalty range for these violations is \$400-\$1,000; however, such penalty shall not exceed the maximum criminal fine specified in the charging section.
- (2) "Category B" violations are violations in which there is a reasonable potential for intermediate level of consumer or competitive harm; or repeated violations of subparagraph (3) that occurred within a two-year period at the same location and which resulted in an action and subsequent penalty. The appropriate penalty range for these violations is \$150-\$600; however, such penalty shall not exceed the maximum criminal fine specified in the charging section.
- (3) "Category C" violations are primarily violations that would typically have a less egregious effect on consumers or equitable competition in the marketplace. Included in this category are other violations included in Business and Professions Code, Division 5 that are not included in Table A. The appropriate penalty range for these violations is \$50-\$250; however, such penalty shall not exceed the maximum criminal fine specified in the charging section.

(b) Table A shall be used to establish the level of severity of a particular violation and its corresponding penalty range. Except where specific violation parameters are provided, the violation column in Table A is an abbreviated description of the corresponding section in the California Business and Professions Code, Division 5, Weights and Measures.

1 = Category A		2 = Category B	3 = Category C			
(\$400	to \$1,000)	(\$150 to \$600)	(\$50 to \$250)		50)	
					TYPE	
B&P §	§ TABLE A VIOLATIONS			1	2	3
12016	Hindering or obst	ructing sealer.		1		
12018	Neglect or Refuse inspection	al to exhibit weighing or measurir	ng device for	1		
12021	•	ing false or short weight or meas ng false tare (knowingly).	sure on	1		
12022.5	Fresh meats or row weight, not include	basts: Advertising/selling on bas ling added fat.	is of net		2	
12023	Selling according	to gross weight or measure.			2	
	U	antity than represented: Prepack , but not packed on the same pre	0			
12024	- Single Lot:					
(Prepacked	Overcharge le	ss than 50¢.				3
product – Labeled	Overcharge 50	0¢ to \$2.00.			2	
and sold,	Overcharge m	ore than \$2.00.		1		
but not	- Total of All Lot	ts:				
packed on the same	Overcharge le	ss than \$2.00.				3
premises)	Overcharge \$2	2.00 to \$10.00.			2	
	Overcharge m	ore than \$10.00.		1		
	Short measure bu	ulk wood deliveries.		1		
12024		antity than represented (per BPC aged – Packed, labeled, and sold				
(Prepacked	- Single Lot (unkr	nowingly):				
product – Packed,	Overcharge of	\$2.00 or less				3
labeled, and	Overcharge m	ore than \$2.00		1		
sold on the		Lots (unknowingly):				
same premises)	Overcharge of	less than \$2.00				3
p: 0	Overcharge \$2	2.00 to \$10.00			2	
	Overcharge m	ore than \$10.00		1		

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B&P §	TABLE A VIOLATIONS				TYPE	
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12024 (Wholesale or retail lots – not	•	antity than represented: /holesale or retail lots – Not pac	ked or labeled			
packed or	Overcharge no	ot more than \$50.00			2	
labeled by retailer)	Overcharge m	ore than \$50.00		1		
12024.1	Misrepresenting of	charge for service rendered (will	fully).	1		
	Unlawful compute	ation of value.				
		se of Commodities by Weight, M rmined at Time of Sale:	leasure, or			
	(Applies to a pricing integ	ny number of items purchased on rity)	or inspected for			
	 Overcharged on One Item: Overcharge equals 15¢ or more and is 5% or more of correct value for that item. 				2	
		ed on Two or More Items: Total or more and is 3% or more of c ose items.		1		
	(B) Scanning/Au	itomated and Other Check stand	d Inspections.			
12024.2	inspected f	ed on fewer than 10% of items p or pricing integrity or total overcl correct total price of all items pu	harge is less			3
		ed on 10% or more but on fewer nased or inspected for pricing inf			2	
		harge 2% or more but less than of all items purchased or inspect			2	
		ed on 12% or more of items purc or pricing integrity.	chased or	1		
		harge 4% or more of the correct irchased or inspected.	total price of	1		
	Test Sample Size	e of 10 or Fewer Items				

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B&P §		TABLE A VIOLATIONS				3
		ndard Inspections" as defined by Inspections" as defined by BPC				
		e on any item does not exceed 8 e of that item	% of the			3
		e on any item is greater than 8% % of the correct price of that item			2	
		e on any item is greater than 15% e of that item	6 of the	1		
12024.5	Sale of fowl, mea items.	t, or fish other than by weight: re	ady-to-eat		2	
12024.55	Door-to-door sale statements on pa	espersons; failure to provide price ckages.	e per pound		2	
12024.6	Prohibition of advertising intended to entice customer into transaction other than represented.			1		
12024.7	Failure to provide: A statement of weight and type of cuts of meat sold; itemized statement showing quantity of fruits, vegetables, and other food products delivered in connection with meat sale.				2	
12024.9		e a statement of weights supplied of meat on basis of primal cuts or			2	
12024.10	Failure to retain a sold.	a document stating weight and cu	it of meat		2	
12025	Refusal to exhibit quantity.	commodity being sold at given v	veight or	1		
12025.5	Identification of cost \$\$ 12211 or 1260	ommodity or container ordered "o)7.	off sale" under	1		
12107		inces and specifications for comr asuring apparatus.	nercial			3
12107.1		commodity standards, weights, r re: Unlawful sales.	neasures, and			3
12500.5		tification of commercial instrumental purposes of nonapproved inst			2	

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B&P §		TABLE A VIOLATIONS		1	2	3
12507		order" instruments: Time: Disus to repair: Disposition of seized i		1		
12508	Removal or oblite	ration of sealer's tag or device.		1		
	Presumption of in	tent to violate law:				
	(1) Using an inco	prrect device.			2	
	(2) Sells comme	rcial device not sealed within las	t year.			3
	(3) Using a con	demned device contrary to law.		1		
		mmercial purposes an unsealed, tept at fixed location.	, incorrect		2	
12510(a)	(5) Used to fals	ify.		1		
	(6) Location of	retail scale.			2	
	(7) False comp	utation of price.			2	
	(8) Return to ze	ero (knowingly).		1		
	(9) Deliver for t	est.			2	
	(10) Sells, uses,	rents, loans incorrect device.			2	
12512	Purchase of less	than true quantity.		1		
12515	(a) Repair, sale, o county sealer.	or installation of instrument: Fail	ure to notify		2	
12516	Location of scale	when auctioning livestock			2	
12532		usiness as a service agency whe			2	
	(a) (1) Not posses and testing equip	ssing or having available necess ment	ary standards			3
12533		and testing equipment shall meet to learn the state of th				3
12033	(b) Ensure every license	service agent has a current serv	ice agent		2	
		rent copy of Title 4 of the Califor d Reference Manual	nia Code of			3

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B&P §		TABLE A VIOLATIONS		1	2	3
12534		sufficient standards, permanently d and have a current certificate o				3
12540	Service agent exa	amination and licensing			2	
12602		nodity contained in nonconformin plesale or retail distributors not er eling.			2	
	Regulations to be provisions of regu	e established by Secretary: Requulations.	iired			
12603		nmodity and/or name and place o utor/manufacturer.	f business of		2	
	- Net quantity of	f contents not on container or lab	el.		2	
12605	Prohibition of distribution of packaged commodity containing qualifying words in separate statement of net quantity of contents: Supplemental statements: Prohibited qualifications.				2	
12606	Containers not to	be constructed or filled as to fac	ilitate fraud		2	
12606.2	Misleading food of	containers, prohibited			2	
12602	0	nodity contained in nonconformin plesale or retail distributors not er eling.			2	
	Regulations to be provisions of regu	e established by Secretary: Requue lations.	uired			
12603		nmodity and/or name and place o utor/manufacturer.	f business of		2	
	- Net quantity of	f contents not on container or lab	el.		2	
12605	qualifying words i	Prohibition of distribution of packaged commodity containing qualifying words in separate statement of net quantity of contents: Supplemental statements: Prohibited qualifications.			2	
12606	Containers not to	be constructed or filled as to fac	ilitate fraud		2	
12606.2	Misleading food o	containers, prohibited			2	

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12611	5	y in nonconforming container or bel: Required information not pr			2	
12703	Weighmaster Lice	ense, fee and/or penalty required	J.		2	
12704	Weighmaster Lice	ense fee.			2	
12705	Change in legal e	entity of weighmaster licensee.			2	
12707	Weighmaster Lice	ense renewal; failure to pay fee v	when due.		2	
12710.5	(b) Failure to no weighmaster	tify of replacement/deletion of de	eputy			3
12711	When weighmast	er certificate to be issued.			2	
		icate by one other than weighmansfer of weight or measure to ot	•			
12712	(a) Weighmaster certificates issued based on information from another weighmaster.				2	
	(b) Transfer of v	veight from one certificate to ano	ther.		2	
40740	(a) Responsibilit	y for completeness of weighmas	ster certificate.		2	
12713	(b) Omitted info	rmation on weighmaster certifica	te.		2	
12714	Weighmaster cer	tificate legend/principal licensee	name.			3
12714.5	Information on ce	rtificate to be legible; consecutiv	e numbering.			3
12715	Contents of weigl	nmaster certificate.				3
12716	Weighmaster rec	ordkeeping; inspection.			2	
12716.5	Correction of erro	rs (weighmaster certificate).			2	
12717	Approval, testing,	and sealing of weighing or mea	suring device.		2	
	Acts constituting	g misdemeanors				
	(a) Requests a	person to weigh, measure, or co	unt falsely.	1		
12718	(b) Requests a f	alse or incorrect weighmaster ce	ertificate.	1		
12110	(c) Furnishes or	gives false information to a weig	ghmaster.	1		
		resents for payment a false weig	hmaster	1		

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	(e) Knowingly is	sues a false weighmaster certific	cate.	1			
	(f) Alters a weig measure, or	hmaster certificate resulting in a count.	false weight,	1			
	(g) Possesses b	lank weighmaster certificates if r	not licensed.	1			
		ghmaster certificate with alteration gross, net, tare weights, net onlinets.		1			
12719	Change of net co	ntents after recordation of weigh	t.	1			
12720	Alteration of tare weight of commo	weight of vehicle prior to determi dity.	ining net	1			
12721	Weighing for purp	ooses of certification.		1			
40700	Use of predeterm products.	ined tare weight; exemption for s	specified rock				
12722	(a) Violation of tare regulations.			1			
	(b) Rock, sand,	and gravel predetermined tares.		1			
12724		gross and tare weights by a weig all persons be off scale and vehi			2		
12725	Conditions under	which gross weight not to be ce	rtified.		2		
12727	Verification of we	ight, measure, or count.		1			
12728		entire vehicle rest on scale; exe iple rail cars containing grain/gra			2		
12729 (c)	Tomato cab card	tare weight. (See also B&P Sec	tion 12729)	1	2		
12730	Farm products.				2		
12731	Livestock.				2		
12732		djustments to load; commodity weights determined at other an site where vehicle was loaded.					
12733	Scrap metal and	Scrap metal and salvage materials.			2		
12734	Squid or anchovy	·			2		
13300	Customer display	and indicator requirements			2		

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B&P §		TABLE A VIOLATIONS		1	2	3
13411	Sale of petroleum purchase.	n products contingent upon addit	ional		2	
13413	Deceptive, false, Petroleum Produc	or misleading statements (Chap cts.	ter 14)	1		
13420 13421 13422	update of advertis	oleum dealerships required to m sing medium indicating hours of a t open for business.				3
13441	Sale or delivery o	f nonstandard product.		1		
13442	Sale or delivery o labeled "not gaso	f nonstandard product as motor line".	fuel to be	1		
13451	Sale or delivery o	f nonstandard diesel, kerosene,	or fuel oil.	1		
13460 13461	Sale of engine or	gear oil which fails to meet spec	ifications.	1		
13470	Display of price s sign.	ign on dispensing apparatus: Co	ontents of		2	
13470.5	Gallon-to-liter cor	version table.			2	
13472	Dual pricing.				2	
13480		oleum products from unlabeled on ng: Containers with net content				3
13482	Sale of lubricant	without SAE/API service classific	ation.			3
13486	Filling of tanks wi container label.	th product other than that identifi	ied on	1		
42500	Labeling:					
13500	(a) No product ar	nd/or grade on delivery vehicle.				3
13501	Commingling of p	products.		1		
13502, 13486	Deliveries into sto	orage tanks.		1		
13520	Temperature-corr	rected gallonage.			2	
13530	Application of arti	cle; display of price per liter or p	er gallon.			

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B&P §		TABLE A VIOLATIONS		1	2	3
	(a) Advertising a	a price that is not identical with th	e dispenser.		2	
13531	Display requiremoviolations.	ents; exemption of specified geog	graphic areas;			
	(a) Failure to ad	vertise motor fuel prices.			2	
	Motor fuel; conter	nts of display:				
	(a) Advertising p	price signs.				3
13532	(b) Violation of c	liscount advertising.				3
	(c) Advertising l	ower price only. (See also § 134	13)		2	
	(d) Failure to ad	(d) Failure to advertise price in same form.			2	
13534	Additional adverti	Additional advertising matter.				3
13562	Change of desigr Authorization.	Change of designation under which product purchased:			2	
13568	Written authority;	furnishing copies.			2	
13570	Percentage of alc Certification of an	cohol to be stated on normal busi tiknock index.	ness records:		2	
13571	Not providing doc	cumentation when requested.			2	
13593	Refusal to permit	sampling.		1		
10505	Selling product w §§ 13413, 13441	hich does not meet specification: , 13451)	s. (See also	1		
13595	Selling from unlabeled or mislabeled containers. (See also §§ 13413, 13480)					3
13600	Unauthorized bre	Unauthorized breaking, etc., of seal.				
13740	Sale or distributio	n of adulterated or mislabeled pr	oduct.	1		
13741	Deceptive, false, Products	misleading statement (Chapter 1	5) Automotive	1		

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