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TO: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: CTEP Certificates of Approval vs. NTEP Certificates of Conformance

The Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) is clarifying that when a weighing or measuring device is issued a National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Certificate of Conformance (CC), the device will not be issued a California Type Evaluation Program (CTEP) Certificate of Approval (COA).

Conversely, if an existing device is issued a CTEP COA and the manufacturer subsequently obtains a NTEP CC for the same make and model of device, CTEP COAs will not be maintained nor listed on DMS’ webpage - the NTEP CC takes precedence. A type-approved device will have either an NTEP CC or a CTEP COA, not both.

This action provides two benefits: 1) it avoids confusion if a device is issued both an NTEP CC and a CTEP COA, and 2) it reduces duplication of efforts with the associated costs to both the state and to the device manufacturer.

To assist you in looking up type evaluation certificates, the following links are provided:

- NTEP CCs can be found on the NCWM website at [http://www.ncwm.net/ntep/cert_search](http://www.ncwm.net/ntep/cert_search).
- CTEP COAs can be found on the DMS website at [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/ctep.html](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/ctep.html).

For CTEP COAs not found on the CTEP website, county weights and measures officials should contact the DMS Enforcement Program for assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Device Enforcement Program by email at DMS@cdfa.ca.gov or by calling (916) 229-3000.

Sincerely,

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