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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE**  
*of California*

**PERTAINING TO**  
**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**  
**AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

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## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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**CHAPTER 9**

**Special Provisions Relating to Farm Products**

**Article**

1. **Products in Burlap Bags. §§ 12900-12903 Repealed**
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**ARTICLE 1**

**Products in Burlap Bags**

- § 12900. [Repealed]**  
**§ 12901. [Repealed]**  
**§ 12902. [Repealed]**  
**§ 12903. [Repealed]**

**§ 12900. PAYMENT OF SALVAGE VALUE OF BAGS CONTAINING FRUIT, PEAS OR WOOL**

*Added Stats. 1939 ch 43 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1980 ch 636 § 2.*

**§ 12901. DEDUCTION OF TARE ON PURCHASE OF GRAIN: PRICE FOR GRAIN AND CONTAINER: GRAIN DEFINED**

*Added Stats. 1939 ch 43 § 1; Amended Stats. 1939 ch 196 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1980 ch 636 § 2.*

**§ 12902. OTHER PROVISIONS SUPERSEDED**

*Added Stats. 1939 ch 43 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1980 ch 636 § 2.*

**§ 12903. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR**

*Added Stats. 1939 ch 43 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1980 ch 636 § 2.*

**ARTICLE 2**

**Tare on Baled Hops**

**§ 12910. ALLOWABLE RATE FOR TARE**

*Added by Stats. 1939 ch 43 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 10.*

**ARTICLE 3**

**Baling Hay**

**[Added by Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1.]**

- § 12915. [Repealed]
- § 12916. [Repealed]
- § 12917. [Repealed]
- § 12918. [Repealed]
- § 12919. [Repealed]
- § 12920. [Repealed]
- § 12921. [Repealed]

**§ 12915. DEFINITIONS**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12916. EMPLOYMENT OF TESTED AND SEALED SCALES**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12917. RECORD OF TRUE NET WEIGHT**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12918. PUTTING OR CONCEALING MATERIAL IN BALE TO INCREASE WEIGHT**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12919. SALE OF HAY BY WEIGHT**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Amended Stats. 1969 ch 164 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12920. BALES BROKEN IN SHIPMENT: INCLUSION OF APPROXIMATE WEIGHT**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**§ 12921. VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR: PUNISHMENT**

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 131 § 1; Repealed Stats. 1979 ch 527 § 11.*

**ARTICLE 4**

**Wool Products**

**[Added by Stats. 1943 ch 130 § 1.]**

**§ 12925. DEDUCTION FOR TAGS, FRIBS, CRUTCHINGS OR OTHER OFF-WOOLS**

No person purchasing wool from a producer shall make a specific deduction for tags, fribbs, crutchings or other off-wools, either on a basis of the percentage of the weight or percentage of the value of the wool. Any provision in a contract to purchase wool from a producer, providing for such a deduction is invalid.

Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

*Added Stats. 1943 ch 130 § 1.*

**ARTICLE 5**

**Cotton**

**[Added by Stats. 1953 ch 1718 § 2.]**

**§ 12930. “COTTON”: PERMITTED SALE BY GROSS WEIGHT: TARE WEIGHT FOR BALED COTTON**

As used in this article “cotton” includes raw cotton, cotton linters, and cotton batting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or any other law, cotton may be sold by gross weight so that the purchaser pays a like price for the cotton and the burlap, paper, or other material with which it is wrapped and the string, wire, or other material with which the wrapping is secured. When sold by gross weight, cotton shall be wrapped and the wrapping secured in accordance with the usual customs of the trade or in accordance with the agreement of purchaser and seller.

A weighmaster may use a tare weight for baled cotton specified by regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture for determining the net weight of cotton.

The tare shall not exceed five percent (5%) of such gross weight.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to the sale of cotton or cotton goods in any form packaged for distribution or sale at retail to the general public.

*Added Stats. 1953 ch 1718 § 2; Amended Stats. 1979 ch 370 § 4.*