



Announcement

A Public Forum on Weighing Practices and the Use of Stored Tare with the Weighing of Trucks for Commercial Purposes

Date: September 28, 2004 (Tuesday)

Times: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: U.S. Department of Commerce
Herbert C. Hoover Building
14th & Constitution Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Purpose of forum

- To review state laws and regulations relating to commercial transactions concerning net weight and scale accuracy and use requirements as they relate to vehicle tare weights stored in computer memory.
- To examine weights and measures laws which require commercial transactions to be computed on the basis of net weight. There are numerous weighing applications (e.g., solid waste disposal and landfills, quarries, mining, agriculture, household moving and others) where net weights of commodities and/or service charges are determined using vehicle scales. Most commercial vehicle scales are required to be accurate to approximately ± 0.2 percent (e.g., ± 160 lbs at 80,000 lb), however, stored tare weights have been found to have errors of several thousand pounds. This forum will discuss the issues and alternatives that should be considered in an effort to balance buyer and seller interests in the accuracy of these transactions.
- To provide an opportunity for industry representatives, consumers, scale-owners-users, exporters, importers, retailers, federal and state agencies, and other interested parties to understand how state and local weights and measures officials supervise the weighing of trucks and other vehicles to ensure accuracy and equity in the marketplace.
- To pursue partners to work with NIST, along with state and local weights and measures officials, in a national working group to identify industry and regulatory concerns (e.g., economic

impact of incorrect weights versus the cost, in terms of time and money to weigh vehicles for both gross and tare weight).

- Another purpose is to solicit industry cooperation in reducing weighing inaccuracies through the identification and use of good weighing practices.

Participation - Advance Registration Required

The forum is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Advance registration is required for Department of Commerce security purposes and to ensure that all participants receive a name badge (required to obtain access to the building) and handout materials. The deadline for registration is 5 p.m. EDT on September 21, 2004.

To register by email

Send an email indicating that you want to register for the “Public Forum on Vehicle Weighing Practices.” Include the following information (Name, Title, Affiliation, Mailing Address, City, State, Country [if your office is not located in the U.S.], Zip Code, Email address, and Telephone Number) to t.coleman@nist.gov .

To register by fax or mail

Send the attached registration form to:

Laws and Metric Group
Weights and Measures Division
National Institute of Standards and Technology
100 Bureau Drive MAILSTOP 2600
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-2600

Telephone: 301-975-4004

Fax: 301-926-0647

For additional information

Contact the forum coordinator: Tom Coleman, Laws and Metric Group at t.coleman@nist.gov or 301-975-4868.



Registration Form

Fax to 301-926-0647

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Please register me for this NIST-sponsored event that will be held on September 28, 2004, at the U.S. Department of Commerce Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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