

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONTROL OF IMPORTED PRE-PACKAGED COMMODITIES AND WEIGHING AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS BY THE ZAMBIA METROLOGY AGENCY

The Zambia Metrology Agency (ZMA), formerly known as the Zambia Weights and Measures Agency (ZWMA), is a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry (MCTI), established by the Metrology Act No. 6 of 2017. Its overarching mandate is to oversee the provision of Scientific, Industrial and Legal Metrology services in Zambia, in accordance with the Law.

The functions of ZMA cut across various sectors of the economy and include the following, amongst others:

- a) Control of Pre-packaged Commodities
- b) Control of Weighing and Measuring Instruments

The control of pre-packaged commodities and weighing and measuring instruments is governed by the Metrology Act No. 6. of 2017 which provides for type evaluation of weighing and measuring instruments before they are permitted to be used in trade, law enforcement, health, safety and environmental management related measurements. The Act also provides for regulation of pre-packaged commodities to ensure compliance to Legal Metrology requirements on packaging, labelling and net content of pre-packaged commodities.

In line with the provisions of the Law, the Zambia Metrology Agency hereby notifies all interested and affected parties, including but not limited to importers, clearing agents, Government Agencies and members of the public, that all imported pre-packaged commodities, weighing and measuring Instruments shall be subjected to regulatory control by ZMA. Inspections shall take place at the point of entry into Zambia, importers premises or any other designated place as directed by ZMA.

Implementation of the above provisions of the **Metrology Act No. 6 of 2017** shall be as follows:

- Registration of persons or local suppliers, manufacturers and importers of pre-packaged commodities and weighing and measuring instruments - Registration Forms can be obtained from and submitted at any of our offices across the country at the addresses listed below.
- b) Payment of Registration Fee of Five Hundred Kwacha (K500).
- c) Inspection Fees for imported pre-packaged commodities and goods are provided for in Regulation 4, of SI No. 29 and they shall be zero-point-two percent (0.2%) of Free on Board (F.O.B) of the imported consignments.
- Examination Fees for type approval of weighing and measuring instruments shall be as provided for under Part II of SI No. 29.

Collection of the Inspection Fees for imported pre-packaged commodities and goods shall be undertaken on behalf of ZMA by Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) through the Single Payment Point (SPP) System on ASYCUDA World.

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