

83-304. Annual inspection required; scales not tested and approved, taken out of service; approval and seal of certain test weights or equipment; exemptions; report of results; withdrawal of inaccurate scale from use; notification of secretary; reports required to be kept by service companies; inspection of vapor meters. (a) Except as provided by subsection (e), the owner or operator of a weighing and measuring device which is used commercially shall have such weighing and measuring device tested and inspected at least annually for accuracy. The test shall be conducted by either a licensed technical representative employed by a licensed service company or by an authorized representative of any city or county which has established a department of public inspection of weights and measures pursuant to K.S.A. 83-210, and amendments thereto, or by the secretary, which inspects such weighing and measuring device in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. If upon inspection by the secretary or an authorized representative of the secretary, it is found that the weighing and measuring device has not been tested and inspected for accuracy and approved within the preceding 365 days, the secretary or the authorized representative of the secretary shall take the weighing and measuring device out of service pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 83-215, and amendments thereto. Except as provided further, the test weights or equipment used by the service company shall have been approved and sealed by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 83-214, and amendments thereto, within 365 days preceding the date of the tests. Test weights or equipment which has the nominal capacity of 250 pounds or greater, are housed in a grain elevator or similar structure and are used to test scales in grain elevators or similar facilities shall have been approved and sealed by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 83-214, and amendments thereto, within three calendar years preceding the date of the test. Except at the option of the city or county which has an established department of public inspection of weights and measures, tests and inspections shall be at the expense of the owner or operator of the weighing and measuring device. In any city or county which has a department of public inspection which inspects such weighing and measuring device, the test may be conducted by an authorized representative of the city or county weights and measures department. Farmers or ranchers who own and operate a weighing and measuring device used in private treaty transactions are exempt from the annual testing requirements. Volumetric provers which are stationary or which exceed the testing capacity of the state metrology lab due to engineering design or the capacity of the prover are exempt from the annual testing requirement.

(b) A service company or the city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures or an authorized representative of the secretary which conducts tests pursuant to this section shall, at the time of testing and inspection, promptly furnish to the owner or operator of the weighing and measuring device a report showing the results of the tests and inspection. The city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures and service company reports shall also be sent to the secretary, as required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. No report shall be furnished later than 10 days after the test or inspection of the device has occurred.

(c) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 83-215, and amendments thereto, the owner or operator of a weighing and measuring device which is found to be out of the tolerances or specifications required by chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rules and regulations adopted thereunder, at the time of testing shall withdraw immediately the weighing and measuring device from further use until the necessary corrections, adjustments or repairs are made and the weighing and measuring device is determined to be accurate by a service company or the city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures or an authorized representative of the secretary. Weighing and measuring devices which have been repaired or serviced shall meet the tolerances and specifications established in chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and those rules and regulations adopted by the secretary prior to being placed or returned to service. The service company or the city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures shall notify the secretary of any weighing and measuring devices which are found not to comply with such tolerances and specifications and are thus inaccurate and cannot be adjusted, repaired or serviced so as to comply with the standards and tolerances established in chapter 83 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. Such notification shall be as required by the secretary, pursuant to rules and regulations. Such notification shall be furnished to the department no later than 10 days after the service company or city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures has found the weighing and measuring device to be in noncompliance with the tolerance and specifications required for such weighing and measuring device. A copy of the report prepared by the service company or city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures or the secretary showing the results of the weighing and measuring device test and the work done to correct any deficiencies shall be filed with the secretary by the service company.

(d) Each service company shall be required to keep at such company's corporate headquarters or at such company's resident agent's office a copy of all reports regarding the installation, repair, calibration and other work the service company or the technical representatives employed by the service company performed on the commercial weighing and measuring devices. Such reports shall be legible and maintained in an accessible manner and for a period of time as established by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations. The owner or operator of a weighing and measuring device shall also be required to retain copies of all reports regarding the installation, repair or adjustment or any of the aforementioned done to the weighing and measuring device at the site where the measuring and weighing device is used. Such reports shall be legible and maintained in an accessible manner and for a period of time as established by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations.

(e) The secretary may adopt rules and regulations providing for inspection of vapor meters at intervals less frequently than annually if the secretary determines that annual inspections are not necessary to protect the public interest. In adopting any such rules and regulations, the secretary shall take into consideration the standard for inspections of vapor meters adopted by the national institute of standards and technology of the United States department of commerce.

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