

LEGAL METROLOGY

Nameplate & Stamping Advisory

Weights & Measures — Practical Compliance Reference

1. Purpose of the Nameplate

Use a durable and clearly visible nameplate or identification marking on regulated weighing or measuring equipment where required by the applicable Legal Metrology rules, approval conditions or technical requirements. The information should remain legible during normal use.

2. Typical Information to Review

Depending on the instrument and applicable requirements, review the manufacturer or importer name, model/type designation, serial number, capacity or range, accuracy/class information where applicable, unit of measurement, applicable identification or approval particulars, and other markings prescribed for the specific instrument.

3. Nameplate Placement

The nameplate should be securely attached in an accessible and visible location without interfering with operation, safety or required verification marks. The exact placement and marking requirements can depend on the instrument type and applicable approval.

4. Stamping / Verification

Where an instrument is subject to Legal Metrology verification and stamping, the competent authority or authorised officer may examine the instrument and apply the prescribed verification mark or stamp after compliance with applicable requirements.

5. Do Not Obscure Official Marks

Do not remove, alter, cover or damage statutory verification, stamping, model-approval or other official markings. Any repair, replacement or modification that affects a regulated instrument should be checked against the applicable requirements before the instrument is returned to commercial use.

6. After Repair or Adjustment

An instrument that has been repaired, adjusted or otherwise altered may require re-verification or re-stamping depending on the nature of the work and applicable State requirements. Keep supporting records and ensure the instrument is not used in a non-compliant condition.

7. Imported Instruments

Imported weights and measures can have additional requirements relating to model approval, importer details, declarations, documentation and verification. Confirm the applicable requirements before import, sale or commercial use.

8. Records to Maintain

Maintain copies of applicable licences or registrations, model approval documents where applicable, verification/stamping records, invoices or purchase documents, repair records and other supporting compliance documents relevant to the instrument.

9. Common Nameplate Review Checklist

Before deployment, check that the identification is permanent and legible; the model and serial number are consistent with records; capacity/range and units are correctly stated; applicable approval information is present; statutory marks are unobstructed; and the instrument has completed required verification or stamping.

10. State-Specific Requirements

Legal Metrology administration and procedures can differ by State and by instrument. This advisory is a general reference and should not be treated as a replacement for the current prescribed requirements, approval conditions or instructions of the competent Legal Metrology authority.

Quick Inspection Checklist

Check	Status / Remarks
Nameplate securely fixed and legible	
Manufacturer / importer identification checked	
Model / type and serial number checked	
Capacity / range and units checked	
Applicable approval particulars checked	
Verification / stamping status checked	
Official marks remain unobstructed	
Repair / adjustment records available	
State-specific requirements verified	

Disclaimer: This document is a general compliance advisory. Exact nameplate, stamping, verification, model approval and marking requirements depend on the instrument, applicable Legal Metrology legislation/rules, approval conditions and jurisdiction. Verify the current requirements with the competent authority before manufacture, import, sale or commercial use.