



Weights and Measures Department:

Weights and Measures Department is responsible for regulating the standards prescribed under the Weights and Measures Act 1984. Standards in terms of Weight, Length, Volume, Area, Capacity or numbers used for trade purposes. The enforcement of the Weights and Measures Act 1984 ensure fairness in the market by protecting consumers from inaccurate measurements, and support the development of local businesses with a focus on improving fair-trading and export competitiveness.

Objectives:

1. To encourage the fairness and safety levels of products and services in Kiribati, both locally manufactured and imported for protecting consumers, achieving better social and environmental protection and improving livelihoods.

2. To ensure that all the weighing scales or measuring instruments used in the trade Sector in Kiribati should be accurately and complied with the legal requirement or obligations under this act.

Main Responsibilities:

The Metrology Department of Kiribati is established to administer and enforce the Weights and Measures Act 1984 which this outdated law has been reviewed and repealed to the Metrology Bill 2019. For the purpose of the review and reform of the outdated Weights and Measures Act 1984, the Metrology Unit shall have the following functions:

1. To conduct verifications of measuring instruments used in trade.
2. To conduct the public awareness programs on the use of weighing scales.
3. To seize faulty weighing scales.
4. To stamp tested and approved weight with a verification mark – passed or not passed.
5. To deal with incoming complains on weighing and measuring instruments.
6. To develop, implement and monitor the national metrology policy.
7. To develop and coordinate all subfields of metrology.
8. To evaluate and where appropriate seek membership in appropriate international and regional metrology organisations.
9. To nurture and maintain relationships with National Metrology Institutes particularly those within the Asia Pacific Metrology Program (APMP) and the Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum (APLMF).
10. To facilitate cooperation within the international metrology community in order

- to strengthen the national metrology infrastructure of the Republic of Kiribati.
11. To coordinate the action of other departments, organisations and institutions related to metrological issues.
 12. To represent the Republic of Kiribati in relevant international and regional metrology organisations, technical committees and activities.
 13. To establish and maintain laboratories for conducting scientific, industrial and legal metrology activities.
 14. To maintain the metrological traceability of all standards.
 15. To develop the technical competence of inspectors and metrologists.
 16. To build public awareness of metrology and its importance for industrial development, trade and the welfare of all I-Kiribati.
 17. To administer the type approval of measuring instruments required under this Act.
 18. To inspect prepackages and determine their compliance with this Act.
 19. To carry out any functions given to it under this Act or any other Act.
 20. To administer and enforce the Weight and Measures Act or new Metrology Act and Regulation.
 21. To implement the National Quality Policy (NQP).
 22. Public awareness and compliance inspections on weight and measures standards.
 23. Timely submission of metrology reports.
 24. Literacy awareness programs to beneficiaries.
 25. Conduct compliance inspection to all metrology sectors.
 26. Conduct Annual World Metrology Day.
 27. Partnership with legal metrology bodies such as OAG and other legal metrology organizations to enable capacity building and strong legal framework.
 28. Regular monitoring of compliance to weight and measures or metrology standards.
 29. To improve timely submission of reports from subordinate staff.
 30. To initiate the metrology inspection program and inspection documents for inspectors.

Approved Standards:

1. The kilogram used to measure weight.
2. The Metre used to measure Length
3. The litre used to measure Volume.

Please note that any unit used for weights and measures or other things sold by pound, gallon and yard should seek approval from the Ministry.

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