

2022-08-10 Meeting of the NCWM Cannabis Task Group’s Scales Subgroup

The Scales Subgroup of the NCWM Cannabis Task Group proposes the following alternative to the Item Under Consideration for S&T Agenda Item SCL-22.2:

UR.1.1. General.

- (a) For devices marked with a class designation, the typical class or type of device for particular weighing applications is shown in Table 7a. Typical Class or Type of Device for Weighing Applications.
- (b) For devices not marked with a class designation, Table 7b. Applicable to Devices not Marked with a Class Designation applies.

| Table 7a. Typical Class or Type of Device for Weighing Applications | |
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| Class | Weighing Application or Scale Type |
| I | Precision laboratory weighing <u>and weighing of all Cannabis products</u> |
| II | Laboratory weighing, precious metals and gem weighing, grain test scales, <u>and weighing of all Cannabis products</u> |
| III | All commercial weighing not otherwise specified, grain test scales, retail precious metals and semi-precious gem weighing, grain-hopper scales, animal scales, postal scales, vehicle on-board weighing systems with a capacity less than or equal to 30 000 lb, and scales used to determine laundry charges, <u>and weighing of all Cannabis products</u> |
| III L | Vehicle scales (including weigh-in-motion vehicle scales), vehicle on-board weighing systems with a capacity greater than 30 000 lb, axle-load scales, livestock scales, railway track scales, crane scales, and hopper (other than grain hopper) scales |
| III | Wheel-load weighers and portable axle-load weighers used for highway weight enforcement |
| <p>Notes: A scale with a higher accuracy class than that specified as “typical” may be used. <u>The use of italicized text in the references to “Cannabis” in this table is only to denote its proper taxonomic term; the italicized font does not designate a “nonretroactive” status as is the convention used throughout NIST Handbook 44.</u></p> | |

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The Scales Subgroup recognizes that, in addition to the proposed modifications of Table 7a, guidance is needed to assist businesses and inspectors in identifying suitable devices for use in various applications used to weigh Cannabis.

The Scales Subgroup plans to continue discussions on the best method(s) for developing that guidance. This may include one or more of the following:

- Developing a guidance document to assist users, scale service companies, and inspectors in identifying appropriate scales for Cannabis weighing applications.
- Revisiting proposed modifications to paragraph UR.1. to either include:
 - Proposing minimum requirements for Class II all weighing applications (non-product specific) as is already in place in some states; or
 - Proposing minimum requirements for Class II weighing applications used specifically for Cannabis.