

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION'S
PROPOSED ORDER TO ADOPT PERMANENT RULES

PROPOSED ORDER

The Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection proposes the following rule *to repeal* ATCP 90.10 (2) (Note 2) and ATCP 92.50 (3) (a); *to amend* ATCP 90.01 (15g) and (Note), 90.01 (15r) and (Note), (19), and (26) and (Note), 90.04 (7) (e), (f), (g), and (t), 90.07 (2), 90.07 (7) (a) 2. and 4., 90.08 (10) (g) and (h), 90.08 (12) (a), 90.08 (14) (a) 2. (Note), 90.08 (16) (b), 90.09 (2) (a) and (c) (Note), and 90.09 (4) (a), ATCP 91 (title), ATCP 91.01 (4) and (Note) and 91.03 (1) (e) (title), ATCP 92.01 (10h) and (Note), (10p) and (Note), (10t) and (Note), (15), and (16), 92.02 (1) (Note), 92.02 (2), 92.06, 92.22 (1) (b) and (Note), 92.22 (2), 92.30 (3) (c) 2. and 3., 92.30 (3) (e) 2., and 92.43 (3) (a); *relating to* fair packaging and labeling; selling commodities by weight, measure, or count; and weights and measures; *and affecting* small businesses.

Analysis Prepared by the Department
of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Statutes Interpreted

Statutes Interpreted: Wis. Stat. § 93.07 (1) and Wis. Stat. ch. 98.

Statutory Authority

Statutory Authority: Wis. Stats. §§ 93.07 (1), 98.03 (2), 98.07 (3) and (4), 98.16 (4), 98.18 (2), 98.224 (4), and 98.245 (9).

Explanation of Statutory Authority

Under Wis. Stat. § 93.07 (1), the department's duties include, "To make and enforce such regulations, not inconsistent with law, as it may deem necessary for the exercise and discharge of all the powers and duties of the department, and to adopt such measures and make such regulations as are necessary and proper for the enforcement by the state of chs. 93 to 100, which regulations shall have the force of law."

In addition, various sections in Wis. Stat. ch. 98 require or authorize the department to promulgate rules concerning commercial weights and measures. Wis. Stat. § 98.03 (2) provides: “The department may issue rules governing the construction, installation, and use of commercial weights and measures and prescribing tolerances thereof. The specifications, tolerances, and regulations for commercial weighing and measuring devices issued by the national institute of standards and technology shall apply in this state except as modified by such rules or by statute.”

Wis. Stat. § 98.07 (4) requires the department to promulgate rules to prevent consumer deception: “In order to prevent consumer deception, the department shall prescribe, by rule, standards for determining and declaring weight, measure or count, including the conspicuousness of quantity declarations.” Subsection (3) of that statute requires promulgating rules for commodities packaged prior to sale: “With respect to commodities packaged prior to sale, the department shall issue rules permitting reasonable variations from declared quantity which unavoidably occur in good packaging and distribution practices.”

Among the other statutes in Wis. Stat. ch. 98 requiring or authorizing the department to promulgate rules are the following: § 98.16 (4), which requires promulgating rules for vehicle scales; § 98.18 (2), which authorizes promulgating rules “to regulate the installation, servicing, testing and certification of weights and measures” and permits those rules to “include record-keeping and reporting requirements”; § 98.224 (4), which concerns promulgating rules for vehicle tank meters; and § 98.245 (9), which concerns promulgating rules for liquified petroleum gas meters.

Related Statutes and Rules

Wisconsin law on weights and measures is set forth in Wis. Stat. ch. 98 and in Wis. Admin. Code chs. ATCP 90, 91, and 92.

Plain Language Analysis

Background

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (department) administers Wis. Stat. ch. 98, titled *Weights and Measures*. In fulfilling that responsibility, the department has promulgated administrative rules that incorporate by reference specifications and standards set forth in handbooks published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which is “a science, engineering, technology, and measurement laboratory” within the United States Department of Commerce. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 272(a). NIST works with and supports the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) in developing the standards set forth in NIST Handbooks. NCWM is a professional not-for-profit association of state and local weights and measures officials, federal agencies, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers. Under 15 U.S.C. § 272(b)(10) and (c)(4), NIST is directed to cooperate with states in securing uniformity of weights and measures laws and methods of inspection. In partial fulfillment of that duty, NIST publishes handbooks with standards for weights and measures. Periodically, NIST updates those handbooks, thus leading the department to update its rules to incorporate by reference the latest version of relevant NIST handbooks.

The department would like to update the NIST technical standards incorporated by reference in Wis. Admin. Code chs. ATCP 90, 91, and 92 (newer editions of technical references already cited in current rules). The code currently incorporates by reference the 2018 editions of *NIST Handbook 44*, *NIST Handbook 130*, and *NIST Handbook 133*. The proposed rule incorporates by reference the 2024 editions of *NIST Handbook 44* and *NIST Handbook 130*. The proposed rule incorporates by reference the 2023 edition of *NIST Handbook 133*, as it is the most recent. The department's Board approved the scope statement at its November 17, 2022 meeting.

Rule Content

This rule revision makes minor technical changes to the three rules (Wis. Admin. Code chs. 90, 91, and 92).

As previously stated, the revision updates the rules to incorporate by reference the most recent editions of relevant *NIST Handbooks*. In addition, the revision changes the notes that explain how to obtain the handbooks, corrects various typographical errors, and makes other changes to adhere to the *Administrative Rules Procedures Manual*. For instance, the examples in § 1.06 (3) of the *Administrative Rules Procedures Manual* implicitly advise against using the percentage sign and instead recommend using the word “percent.” With respect to the general topic of spelling, § 1.05(1)(g) of the *Manual* directs, “Use the current edition of Webster’s New International Dictionary as the standard for spelling conventions.” Therefore, terms such as “corn meal” and “dish cloths” became “cornmeal” and “dishcloths.” *Administrative Rules Procedures Manual* § 1.06(c) reads, “Avoid using parentheses or dashes. If certain material is important to the thought or concept expressed in the rule, the material should be set apart with commas, not parentheses or dashes.” Finally, NIST does not “certify” laboratories; it instead “recognizes or accredits” them. To reflect the NIST terminology, rule language has been changed.

This rule specifically does not adopt Section 3.40, Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems, in *NIST Handbook 44*. The 2018 edition of *NIST Handbook 44* lists this section as tentatively adopted. However, the 2023 edition permanently adopted this section. The department believes that the adoption of the Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems section would be a substantive rather than a technical revision. Therefore, if necessary or appropriate to do so in the future, the department will commence a separate rulemaking to address that section of *NIST Handbook 44* and its incorporation into the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.

The department also proposes to repeal part of Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 92.43 (3) (a) and all of § ATCP 92.50 (3) (a) since the affected license years have passed.

Summary of and Comparison with Existing or Proposed Federal Statutes and Regulations

Not applicable. While NIST is “a science, engineering, technology, and measurement laboratory” within the United States Department of Commerce (*See* 15 U.S.C. § 272(a)), NIST develops recommended national standards through participation from state and local weights and measures officials and industry representatives during annual meetings of the National Conference on Weights and Measures. The specifications and standards set forth in NIST handbooks are themselves recommendations, not federal laws.

Summary of Comments Received during the Public Hearing on Statement of Scope

The department received no comments about the statement of scope either at the public hearing or during the following comment period.

Summary of Comments Received during Rule Hearing and Comment Period

The department accepted the suggested formatting changes from the Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse provided two comments for clarification by the department. First, only Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 92 would be affected by the adoption of Section 3.40, Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems in *NIST Handbook 44*; Wis. Admin. Code ch. ATCP 90 would not. Therefore, the department did not change this. Second, the Clearinghouse questioned ambiguity that may already result or would result from the use of both the metric and imperial systems in the three rules. The use of both currently exists within the NIST standards themselves that the department plans to incorporate by reference. Therefore, the department did not change this.

The only comment the department received during the comment period came internally. *NIST Handbook 44* and *NIST Handbook 130* received 2024 updates and *NIST Handbook 133* did not. In the interest of using the most recent versions, the department changed the references from 2023 to 2024 editions in those two cases.

Comparison with Rules in Adjacent States

Illinois

Illinois uses *NIST Handbook 44* and *NIST Handbook 130*.

The Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation and the Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities in the *National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 130*, and any of its subsequent supplements or revisions, shall be the requirements and standards governing the packaging, labeling, and method of sale of commodities for this State, except insofar as specifically modified, amended, or rejected by regulation issued by the Director.

The following sections of the Method of Sale of Commodities requirements shall not be adopted: Section 1.2 (Bread), Section 2.20 (Gasoline-Oxygenate Blends), and Section 1.9.2 (Unit Price Advertising).

Iowa

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Fuel Quality, *Handbook 133*, Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods, Type Evaluation, and all supplements to these handbooks, as published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology amended or revised as of January 1, 2020, are adopted in their entirety by reference except as modified by state statutes, or by rules adopted and published by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

Michigan

Michigan has passed a Weights and Measures act that regulates and provides standards for weights and measures, and the packaging and advertising of certain commodities; provides a fee system for certain inspections and tests; and provides penalties for fraud and deception in the use of false weights and measures and other violations.

Minnesota

Weighing and measuring equipment manufactured, offered, or exposed for sale or sold or given away for use in trade or commerce in Minnesota must conform to the requirements and specifications of *NIST Handbook 44*. *NIST Handbook 44* (2019), "Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices," as adopted by the 103rd National Conference on Weights and Measures and published by the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, is incorporated by reference subject to some exceptions.

Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies

To develop this rule, the department reviewed the most current editions of *NIST Handbook* standards and verified they were still correct. Because this is a technical rule revision, no further analyses were needed.

Analysis and Supporting Documents used to Determine Effect on Small Business in Preparation of an Economic Impact Analysis

Not applicable. *NIST Handbooks* are available online at no cost. Also, no major changes within the *NIST Handbooks* themselves over the past five years have required major costs for businesses.

Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

Effect on Small Business

A complete *regulatory flexibility analysis* is attached.

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Standards Incorporated by Reference

This rule incorporates by reference relevant sections of the 2024 editions of *NIST Handbook 44* and *NIST Handbook 130*. NIST did not make any changes to *NIST Handbook 133* for 2024;

therefore, relevant sections in the 2023 version will be adopted. As required by Wis. Stat. ch. 227, consent has been requested from the Attorney General to incorporate these standards by reference after the public hearings and prior to seeking the Governor's assent to the final draft rule. A copy of these documents will be kept on file with the department and with the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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After the final hearing, the department accepted written comments for an additional two weeks.

RULE TEXT

SECTION 1. ATCP 90.01 (15g) and (Note) are amended to read:

(15g) "*NIST Handbook 44*" means *NIST Handbook 44*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 ~~edition,~~) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce.

Note: Copies of *NIST Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 ~~edition,~~) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained ~~from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20102-0001, website: www.nist.gov~~ online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 2. ATCP 90.01 (15r) and (Note) are amended to read:

(15r) “*NIST Handbook 133*” means *NIST Handbook 133*, ~~(2018~~ 2023 edition,) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce.

Note: Copies of *NIST Handbook 133, Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods*, ~~(2018~~ 2023 edition,) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained ~~from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20102-0001,~~ website: www.nist.gov online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 3. ATCP 90.01 (19) is amended to read:

(19) “Principal display panel” means that part of a package which is most likely to be displayed to, or examined by, a consumer under normal conditions of retail sale. If a package includes more than one principal display panel, “principal display panel” includes each of those panels. If a package is cylindrical in shape, “principal display panel” means that ~~40%~~ 40 percent of the cylinder circumference that is most likely to be displayed or presented to a consumer under normal conditions of sale.

SECTION 4. ATCP 90.01 (26) and (Note) are amended to read:

(26) “Unreasonable shortage” means a shortage that exceeds the maximum allowable variation specified for a commodity in ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 133*.

Note: A copy of ~~the national institute of standards and technology handbook~~ “*NIST Handbook 133, Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods*”, 2023 edition, is on file with the department, ~~the secretary of state~~ and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 5. ATCP 90.04 (7) (e), (f), and (g) are amended to read:

(e) Cubic centimeter ~~em³~~ cm³

(f) Cubic decimeter ~~dm³~~ dm³

(g) Cubic meter ~~m³~~ m³

SECTION 6. ATCP 90.04 (7) (t) is amended to read:

(t) Micrometer ~~m~~ μm

SECTION 7. ATCP 90.07 (2) is amended to read:

(2) LOCATION AND POSITION. (a) *General.* A declaration of net quantity shall appear in the bottom ~~30%~~ 30 percent of the principal display panel, except that the declaration may appear elsewhere on the principal display panel if the panel area is 32 cm² (5 in²) or less. The declaration of net quantity shall be generally parallel to the base on which the package is designed to rest when displayed.

(b) *Spot label or header label.* If all of the required declarations under ss. ATCP 90.02 to 90.04 are contained on a spot label or header label, the declaration of net quantity may appear on the lower ~~30%~~ 30 percent of the spot label or header label, rather than on the lower ~~30%~~ 30 percent of the principal display panel.

SECTION 8. ATCP 90.07 (7) (a) 2. and 4. are amended to read:

2. For a cylindrical package, the area is ~~40%~~ 40 percent of the package height multiplied by the package circumference.

4. Except as provided under subds. 1. to 3., the area is ~~40%~~ 40 percent of the total area of the package surface, including package tops and bottoms, flanges at the tops and bottoms of cans, and the shoulders and necks of bottles or jars.

SECTION 9. ATCP 90.08 (10) (g) and (h) are amended to read:

(g) *Towels and related items.* The declaration of quantity for rectangular dish towels, ~~dish cloths, dishcloths,~~ bath towels, ~~face-cloths,~~ facecloths, utility cloths, bath mats, and related items shall state, in centimeters or inches, the length and width of the item if the item is woven. If the item is knitted, its dimensions need not be stated.

(h) ~~Nonrectangular~~ Non-rectangular and irregular items. 1. The declaration of quantity for textile products such as pot holders, fixture and appliance covers, slip covers, and ~~nonrectangular~~ non-rectangular diapers shall be stated in terms of count and may include size designations and dimensions.

2. The declaration of quantity for ~~nonrectangular~~ non-rectangular textile products of the types identified under pars. (a) to (g) shall state the geometric shape of the product and the dimensions that are customarily used in describing that geometric shape. Dimensions may be stated in metric or inch-pound units corresponding to those specified under pars. (a) to (g).

SECTION 10. ATCP 90.08 (12) (a) is amended to read:

(12) PACKAGED SEED. (a) *Declaration of quantity; location on small packages.*

Notwithstanding s. ATCP 90.07 (2), the declaration of net quantity on a package of seed intended for planting shall appear in the upper ~~30%~~ 30 percent of the principal display panel if the net weight of package contents is 7 grams (1/4 ounce) or less.

SECTION 11. ATCP 90.08 (14) (a) 2. (Note) is amended to read:

Note: The “Measure Container Code” of ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 44* is on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 12. ATCP 90.08 (16) (b) is amended to read:

(b) *Corn flour and ~~corn meal~~ cornmeal*. If corn flour or ~~corn meal~~ cornmeal is packaged in units of 5, 10, 25, 50, or 100 pounds, the net quantity declaration need not comply with the location requirement under s. ATCP 90.07 (2).

SECTION 13. ATCP 90.09 (2) (a) is amended to read:

(2) ENFORCEMENT SAMPLE AND INSPECTION LOT. (a) The department or a municipal sealer may determine the net contents of packaged commodities in an inspection lot based on an enforcement sample collected from that inspection lot. The enforcement sample shall be collected, tested, and analyzed according to applicable provisions of ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 133*. Unless otherwise specified by *NIST Handbook 133*, the inspection lot shall be determined according to par. (b).

SECTION 14. ATCP 90.09 (2) (c) (Note) is amended to read:

Note: A copy of ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 133, Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods, 2023 edition*, is on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 15. ATCP 90.09 (4) (a) is amended to read:

(4) UNREASONABLE SHORTAGES; ORDER PROHIBITING SALE. (a) If, in any enforcement sample under sub. (2) (a), the number of unreasonable shortages in individual packages exceeds the number specified for an enforcement sample of that size in ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 133*, the department or a municipal sealer shall issue an order prohibiting the sale of the entire inspection lot from which that enforcement sample is collected.

SECTION 16. ATCP 90.10 (2) (Note 2) is repealed.

SECTION 17. ATCP 91 (Title) is amended to read: SELLING COMMODITIES BY WEIGHT, MEASURE, OR COUNT.

SECTION 18. ATCP 91.01 (4) and (Note) are amended to read:

(4) “*NIST Handbook 130*” means *NIST Handbook 130*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 edition,) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce.

Note: Copies of *NIST Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulations in the areas of legal metrology and fuel quality*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 edition,) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained ~~from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20102-0001, or at www.nist.gov.~~ online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 19. ATCP 91.03 (1) (e) (title) is amended to read:

(e) *Flour, ~~corn meal~~ cornmeal, and like commodities*. Food commodities covered by *NIST Handbook 130*, ch. IV.B, section 1.4, shall be sold in compliance with that section.

SECTION 20. ATCP 92.01 (10h) and (Note) are amended to read:

(10h) “*NIST Handbook 44*” means *NIST Handbook 44*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 edition,) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce, except for Section 3.40, Electric Vehicle Fueling Systems.

Note: Copies of *NIST Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 edition,) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained ~~from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20102-0001, website: www.nist.gov.~~ online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 21. ATCP 92.01 (10p) and (Note) are amended to read:

(10p) “*NIST Handbook 130*” means *NIST Handbook 130*, ~~(2018~~ 2024 edition,) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce.

Note: Copies of *NIST Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulation in the areas of legal metrology and engine fuel quality*, (~~2018~~ 2024 edition,) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be obtained ~~from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20102-0001, website: www.nist.gov.~~ online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 22. ATCP 92.01 (10t) and (Note) are amended to read:

(10t) “*NIST Handbook 133*” means *NIST Handbook 133*, (~~2018~~ 2023 edition,) published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States department of commerce.

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SECTION 23. ATCP 92.01 (15) and (16) are amended to read:

(15) “Vehicle scale” means a commercial scale designed or used to weigh loaded or unloaded highway, farm, or industrial vehicles, and includes ~~above-ground~~ aboveground scales, dump scales, and portable scales. “Vehicle scale” does not include a railway scale used exclusively for the weighing of commodities on railroad track vehicles.

(16) “Vehicle tank meter” has the meaning given in s. 98.224 (1), Stats. A “vehicle tank” meter” does not include a liquefied petroleum gas meter.

SECTION 24. ATCP 92.02 (1) (Note) is amended to read:

Note: See s. 98.03 (2), Stats. The ~~2014~~ 2024 edition of *NIST Handbook 44, (Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring*

~~Devices)~~ Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices, is on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Excerpts can be viewed at <http://www.nist.gov/index.html>. ~~obtained online at~~
<https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 25. ATCP 92.02 (2) is amended to read:

(2) Except as provided in sub. (3), no person may sell, offer for sale, use, or distribute for use in this state a weighing or measuring device unless the device is a type or model certified by one of the following:

(a) The chief of the office of weights and measures of ~~the~~ NIST.

(b) The national type evaluation program administered by the ~~National Conference on Weights and Measures~~ national conference on weights and measures.

Note: Devices certified under par. (b) are commonly known as “NTEP-approved” devices.

SECTION 26. ATCP 92.06 is amended to read:

ATCP 92.06 Inspection procedures and equipment.

(1) GENERAL. Inspectors shall inspect weights and measures according to ch. 98, Stats., this chapter, and chs. ATCP 90 and 91. An inspection, and the equipment used to make it, shall comply with all of the following that apply to that type of inspection:

(a) ~~The~~ *NIST Handbook 44*.

(b) ~~The~~ *NIST Handbook 133*.

(2) PRICE VERIFICATION SYSTEMS. Inspections of price verification systems shall comply with *NIST Handbook 130*, chapter V, section 7.

(3) INSPECTION EQUIPMENT AND STANDARDS. The department, or a laboratory ~~certified~~ recognized or accredited by the NIST, shall inspect, test, and approve testing equipment and standards used by inspectors. The department or ~~certified~~ laboratory recognized or accredited by NIST shall inspect, test, and approve the equipment at least once every 2 years unless the department specifies a different time interval for specific equipment or standards.

Note: The standards incorporated by reference in subs. (1) and (2) are on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. Copies may be ~~purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.~~ obtained online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 27. ATCP 92.22 (1) (b) and (Note) are amended to read:

(b) Comply with applicable requirements contained in ~~the~~ *NIST Handbook 44*.

Note: The *NIST Handbook 44*, ~~(Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices)~~, ~~2016~~ 2024 edition, is on file with the department and the legislative reference bureau. ~~You may purchase copies of this handbook from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Document Sales, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.~~ Copies may be obtained online at <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/publications/nist-handbooks>.

SECTION 28. ATCP 92.22 (2) is amended to read:

(2) TEST EQUIPMENT AND STANDARDS. The department, or a laboratory ~~certified~~ recognized or accredited by the NIST, shall inspect, test, and approve testing equipment and standards used by weights and measures service companies. The department, or a ~~certified~~ recognized

laboratory recognized or accredited by NIST, shall inspect, test, and approve the equipment at least once every 2 years unless the department specifies a different time interval for specific equipment or standards.

SECTION 29. ATCP 92.30 (3) (c) 2. and 3. are amended to read:

2. Scale pit floors and surfaces underlying ~~above-ground~~ aboveground vehicle scales shall be constructed of concrete, and shall be constructed so that they are well drained. The concrete floor or surface shall extend the full length and width of the scale. This subdivision does not apply to ~~above-ground~~ aboveground scales constructed prior to January 1, 1992.

3. A load-bearing concrete surface underlying an ~~above-ground~~ aboveground vehicle scale shall rest on a bed of compacted aggregate which is at least 6 inches ~~(15 cm)~~ or 15 centimeters thick under every portion of the load-bearing concrete surface, or on an alternative foundation constructed according to the manufacturer's engineering drawings. This subdivision does not apply to ~~above-ground~~ aboveground scales installed prior to January 1, 1992.

SECTION 30. ATCP 92.30 (3) (e) 2. is amended to read:

2. In every ~~above-ground~~ aboveground vehicle scale, there shall be a clearance of not less than 6 inches ~~(15 cm)~~ or 15 centimeters between the top surface of the base slab and the bottom of the load receiving element. This subdivision does not apply to ~~above-ground~~ aboveground scales constructed prior to January 1, 1992.

SECTION 31. ATCP 92.43 (3) (a) is amended to read:

(a) ~~A license fee of \$40 for each liquefied petroleum gas meter for the license year December 1, 2011, to November 30, 2012, and a~~ A license fee of \$60 for each liquefied petroleum gas meter for license years beginning after November 30, 2012.

SECTION 32. ATCP 92.50 (3) (a) is repealed.

SECTION 33. EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule takes effect on the first day of the month following publication.

(END OF RULE TEXT)

Dated this _____ day of January 2024

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
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By: _____

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