RE: Calibration/Tolerance Testing of Weights, Test Measures, and Provers

To Whom It May Concern:

According to the Alabama Administrative Code Section 80-13-9-.03 Requirements for Registration as Measuring Device Serviceman, The Department of Agriculture and Industries has instituted a fee schedule for the calibration of test weights and measures. As of January 1, 2009, the fee schedule for all test weights and measures will be implemented. The fee schedule is:

Weights:

- 0 to 10 pounds or the metric equivalent: $5.00 per weight
- Greater than 10 pounds to 50 pounds or the metric equivalent: $8.00 per weight
- Greater than 50 pounds to 1000 pounds or the metric equivalent: $15.00 per weight
- Greater than 1000 pounds or the metric equivalent: $30.00 per weight

Test Measures/Provers with the capacity of:

- 0 to 5 gallons or the metric equivalent: $30.00 per test measure
- Greater than 5 gallons to 50 gallons or the metric equivalent: $40.00 per prover
- Greater than 50 gallons to 100 gallons or the metric equivalent: $75.00 per prover
- Greater than 100 gallons to 500 gallons or the metric equivalent: $150.00 per prover
- Greater than 500 gallons or the metric equivalent: $350.00 per prover

This is for all test weights and measures. If you qualify under Section 80-13-9-.04(5) of the Alabama Administrative Code, the maximum fee is $30.00 per business location per year. Governmental entities are exempt from these fees. If no check is sent with the test weights and measures, an invoice will be mailed out, and the certificate for the test weights and measures will not be sent until the fees are paid.
Currently, the Alabama Weights & Measures Laboratory is certified for the calibration of Echelon III level weights (NIST, class “F”, ASTM classes 4, 5, and 6, and OIML classes M1, M2, and M3) and volume test measures. All test weights and measures used to test commercial measuring devices (scales, pumps, etc.) must have been calibrated within one year previous to their use. This includes test weights and measures that the Alabama laboratory is not certified for calibrating. In this case, another NIST approved state laboratory must be used to calibrate the test weights and measures.

An application for sending in test weights and measures for calibration is included with this letter and should be sent with the equipment for future calibrations. To set up an appointment, call (334) 240-7136. Appointments must be made for the calibration of all field test standards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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