

**Reprint
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Measurement Standards Act 1992

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An Act to provide for uniform units of measurement of physical quantities and for standards of measurement of physical quantities

1 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Measurement Standards Act 1992.

Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

- (2) This Act shall come into force on 1 July 1992.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Minister means, subject to any enactment, the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of any warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act

New Zealand standard of measurement, in relation to any physical quantity, means such standard of measurement of that quantity as may for the time being be prescribed by any Act, Proclamation, or regulations as the standard of measurement of that quantity for New Zealand

physical quantity means any physical quantity whatsoever, and includes units of length, volume, mass, time, heat, light, and electricity

principal standard measure, in relation to any New Zealand standard of measurement, means the principal standard measure in New Zealand for that standard of measurement

standard measure, in relation to any standard of measurement, means a physical representation or means of representation of that standard of measurement

verifying authority, in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard of measurement, means a person who is a verifying authority in respect of that standard of measurement by virtue of an appointment made by, or by authority of, the Minister.

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 2

3 Act to bind the Crown

This Act binds the Crown.

4 Minister to provide for uniform units of measurement and standards of measurement

The Minister shall provide for the use throughout New Zealand of uniform units of measurement of physical quanti-

ties, and for the establishment and maintenance of standards of measurement of physical quantities.

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 10

5 Regulations

(1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) prescribing methods of comparison and certification of copies of principal standard measures and of standard measures derived from principal standard measures:
- (b) prescribing the nature, form, and derivation of New Zealand standards of measurement:
- (c) providing for the appointment of a verifying authority in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard or standards of measurement (including the comparison of principal standard measures with corresponding standard measures outside New Zealand), and defining the functions and powers of any such verifying authority:
- (d) authorising any such verifying authority to delegate all or any of the powers of that authority:
- (e) providing for such matters as are contemplated by or necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration thereof.

(2) The National Standards Regulations 1976 (SR 1976/239) are hereby deemed to have been made under this section, and may be amended or revoked accordingly.

Compare: 1974 No 6 s 15

6 Amendments to Weights and Measures Act 1987

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

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Notes**1 General**

This is a reprint of the Measurement Standards Act 1992. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 16 June 1992, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 Status of reprints

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 How reprints are prepared

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and

provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*
