Republic of India

• India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a wide and rich cultural heritage and is the largest democracy in the World.

• India is the 7th largest country in the World with an area of 3.3 million sq. km. It has a land frontier of about 15,200 km and coastline of 7,517 km. The population of India is 1.241 billion.

• India is a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic with a Parliamentary system of government which is federal in structure with unitary features.
• The country is divided into administrative divisions consisting of 28 States & 07 Union Territories with the Capital situated at New Delhi.
• The GDP of India in the year 2012-13 is estimated one Trillion US Dollar.
• There are over 2000 industries in the Legal Metrology.
• India has open economy in various sectors and are opening Legal Metrology for the private sector through GATC.
• India is member country of OIML/BIPM
• India is member of the OIML Technical Committees (TC6)
• The Legal Metrology (Weights & Measures) in India is joint responsibility of the Central Government & the State Government.

- Union List - Entry 50- Establishment of the Standards of Weights & Measures;
- Concurrent List – Entry 33 A- Weights and Measures except establishment of Standards.

• Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs is the nodal agency for the implementation of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.
This Department implements the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 with the following Rules:

(i) The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011
(ii) The Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011
(iii) The Legal Metrology (Numeration) Rules, 2011
(iv) The Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011
(v) The Legal Metrology (National Standards) Rules, 2011
(vi) The Indian Institute of Legal Metrology Rules, 2011
HIERARCHY CHART OF STANDARDS AND ITS TRACEABILITY

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NATIONAL PROTOTYPE OF STANDARD (Once in 10 years)

REFERENCE STANDARDS (Verification once in 3 years)

SECONDARY STANDARDS (Once in two years)

WORKING STANDARDS (Once in a year)

COMMERCIAL WEIGHTS (Once in a year/ 2 years)
Major Features of the Act & Rules

• The Legal Metrology Act, 2009 is based on metric system.
• Only one Director of the company will be responsible for offences done by the company.
• Provision of Government Approved Test Centre has been introduced.
• This Act will be applicable for Weights and Measures used for any type of transaction or protection purpose.
• Every manufacturer/importer has to take license from State Govt. and approval of their model from Central Govt.
• Registration for export of weights and measures is not required.
• Every manufacturer/importer has to declare the name and address of the manufacturer/importer, name of the commodity, net quantity, date of manufacturing/import, retail sale price, Consumer care details etc. on the pre-packaged commodities.
Requirement for importers

- Registration with State or Central Govt.
- Model Approval
- Import License
- License from State Govt. for Trading/Manufacturing/Repairing
- Verification of Weights & Measures before sale.
Penalty for manufacturer/importer of weight or measure

- Penalty for non registration with State or Central Govt. –Max. Rs.25,000.
- Penalty for Model Approval –Max. Rs.20,000.
- Penalty for Trading/Manufacturing/ Repairing without License from State Govt. –Max.Rs.20,000
- Penalty for non-verification of Weights & Measures before sale –Max. Rs.10,000.
- Penalty for incomplete declaration and short delivery- Max Rs.1,00,000.
Legal Metrology Organizations

• The Regional Reference Standard Laboratories (RRSLs) are the organizations of the Government of India. These Laboratories are set up to meet the Legal Metrology requirement of the State Governments, Industries and Consumers in the country.

• There are five RRSLs, which are situated at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Faridabad and Guwahati and one Indian Institute of Legal Metrology for training of Legal Metrology Officers.

• We request for co-operation of Japan for technical know-how for RRSLs/ IILM with the better technologies.
Future Plans in Legal Metrology

• Govt. of India has approved a project of Rs.300 Cr. during 2012-17 for the establishment of Working (F2 Class)/ Secondary Standard (F1 Class) Labs which includes construction, equipments and capacity building.

• Govt. of India has approved for establishment of two new RRSLs at Varanasi, (near to Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh) & Nagpur, (Maharashtra) to cater the need of industries.
The co-operation of Govt. of Japan is solicited

- to setup new RRSLs with the better technologies
- For modernisation of Legal Metrology Laboratories in India
- for the capacity building program of Legal Metrology Officers in India & Japan.
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