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ENFORCEMENT OF THE TRADE METROLOGY ACT, ACT 77 OF 1973

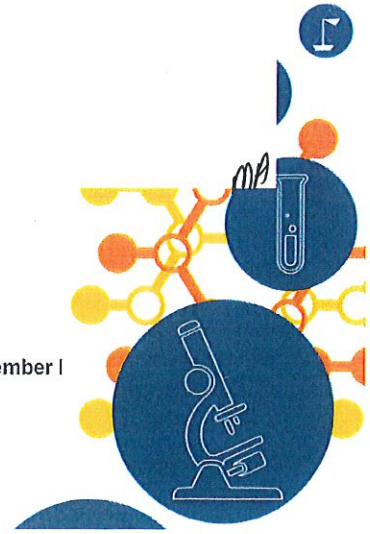
The Namibian Standards Institution (NSI) hereby reminds all stakeholders, particularly the registered trade mechanics, suppliers, owners and users of prescribed measuring instruments operating in Namibia, of the requirements to comply with the enforcement of Section 18, 23, 34, 35 and 36 of the Trade Metrology Act, Act 77 of 1973 as amended.

The Trade Metrology Act, Act 77 of 1973, requires that any person who desires to sell, modify or make available any new model of a prescribed measuring instrument to first submit a specimen of that model to the NSI for Type Approval Examination and Certification. The statute further stipulates that any person who repairs, or maintains any measuring instrument used for any prescribed purpose, shall, unless immediately certified thereafter, notify the NSI of such repair or maintenance to which the NSI will furnish him/her with authorisation permitting the use of such measuring instrument until certification is approved and issued.

Instrument owners are hereby reminded that every measuring instrument used, or possessed, in connection with any prescribed purpose shall be certified, and subjected to annual certification unless exempted by the NSI. Owners are also reminded that the repair and maintenance shall only be carried out by Trade Mechanics who are registered with the NSI. Any person that fails to comply with these requirements as extracted from the Act commits an offence punishable by law. The NSI Metrology Department is embarking on a comprehensive compliance drive starting today, 07 April 2021.

Enforcement applies, but not limited, to the following measuring instruments:

1. Liquid Fuel Dispensers (Fuel Pumps)
2. Liquid Meters and Liquid Meter Systems other than water
3. Mass meters (Scales & Weighbridges)
4. Utility Meters (Water & Electrical)
5. Speed Cameras
6. Breath Analysers
7. Road and Rail Tankers



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8. Volume Measures
9. Mass Pieces (Weights)
10. Force and Length measuring instruments used with velocity meters
11. Conventional length measuring instruments
12. Graduated glass measures for pharmaceutical dispensing and comparable measurement
13. Liquid-measuring devices
14. Milk meter systems
15. Gas meter systems
16. Lubricating oil dispensers
17. Gas meters
18. Vessels, or containers, used for the sale of liquids

Stakeholders are urged to familiarise themselves with the Trade Metrology Act, Act 77 of 1973 as amended. The Act is available on the NSI website: www.nsi.com.na.

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