GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO.8

METROLOGY ACT

(NO. 10 OF 2016)

METROLOGY (PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION, SALE OR USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS) ORDER, 2021

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 30 of the Metrology Act, I, ROY AKUJUWE KACHALE-BANDA, Minister of Industry, make the following Order—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Metrology (Prohibition of Importation, Sale or Use of Certain Types of Weighing Instruments) Order, 2021.

Prohibition

2. A person shall not import, sale or use any weighing instrument which has one or more characteristics specified below—

(*a*) all types of small face dial or chart, spring scale or suspended weigher of diameter seventeen (17) cm and below;

(*b*) spring scales both of the suspended or counter type provided with a hand operated knob;

(*c*) spring scales with a balancing range exceeding one percent (1%) of the capacity of the instrument;

(*d*) tubular spring scales;

(*e*) open beranger counter scales; or

(*f*) class (IIII) weighing instruments.

Seizure offence and penalty

3.—(1) Any person who imports, sells or uses any weighing instrument prohibited under paragraph 2 commits an offence and, shall upon conviction, be liable to a fine of five hundred thousand Kwacha (K500,000.00).

(2) An authorized officer shall seize any prohibited weighing instrument found in possession of any person or being used for buying or selling goods or commodities.

Made this 21st day of January, 2021.

R. A. KACHALE-BANDA
Minister of Industry

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