GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 12

METROLOGY ACT

(NO. 10 OF 2016)

METROLOGY (SALE OF ARTICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2022

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 30 of the Metrology Act, I, MARK KATSONGA PHIRI, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby make the following Regulations—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Metrology (Sale of Articles) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

Amendment of GN. 11 of 2021

2. The Metrology (Sale of Articles) Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations") are amended in regulation 14 by—

(*a*) deleting the words "known" at the end; and

(*b*) inserting, immediately after the words "any manufactured" the words "article states the finished dimensions.".

Insertion of regulation 21A into the principal Regulations

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 21, a new regulation 21A as follows—

"21A. A prepackaged product shall comply with the applicable tolerances prescribed in the *Sixth Schedule*.".

Insertion of *Sixth Schedule*

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting thereto the *Sixth Schedule* as follows—

"SIXTH SCHEDULE

Table A: Tolerances in actual content for prepackages containing general products not otherwise specified in Table B

Nominal Quantity of Product (Qn) in g or mL	*Tolerable Deficiency (T)a*	
	Percent of Qn	g or mL
0 to 50	9	-
50 to 100	-	4.5
100 to 200	4.5	-
200 to 300	-	9
300 to 500	3	-
500 to 1000	-	15
1000 to 10 000	1.5	-
10 000 to 15 00	-	150
Above 15 000	1	-

[a] T values are to be rounded up to the next tenth of a g or mL for Qn less than or equal to 1 000 g or mL and to the next whole g or mL for Qn higher than 1 000 g or mL

Nominal Quantity of Product (Qn) for all Linear Dimensions[b]	*Percentage of Qn*
Qn 5 m or less	No tolerable deficiency allowed
Qn greater than 5 m	2

[b]Includes all dimensions such as length, width, thickness, diameter and circumference etc.

Nominal Quantity of Product (Qn) in area	*Percent of Qn*
All Qn	3
Nominal Quantity of	
Product (Qn) in count	Percent of Qn
Qn of 50 items or less	No tolerable deficiency allowed
Qn greater than 50 items 1c	

[c]Compute the T value by multiplying the nominal quantity by 1 percent and rounding the result up to next whole number. The value may be larger than 1 percent due to the rounding but this is accepted because the products are whole items and cannot be divided

Nominal Quantity of Solids (Qn) sold by cubic measure	*Percent of Qn*
All Qn	2

Table B: Tolerances in actual content for prepackages containing specified products

ITEM	*PRODUCT*	*TOLERABLE ERROR* *Percent of Qn*	
		Deficiency	Excess
1	Bread (all types)	5%	10% applicable only to bread required to be sold by mass but exempted from a quantity indication
2	Fresh fruit and vegetables	5%	Unrestricted
3	Poultry packed in mass bands and with the nominal mass declared as the lowest mass in the band	0	Unrestricted
4	Industrial and medical gasses including dissolved gasses but excluding liquid petroleum gasses	5%	Unrestricted
5	Seed sold by number	Quantities— (*a*) not greater than 50 items = 0 (*b*) greater than 50 items but not greater than 1 000 items = 2% (*c*) greater than 1 000 = 4% (See applicable note in Table A)	Unrestricted

ITEM	*PRODUCT*	*TOLERABLE ERROR* *Percent of Qn*	
		Deficiency	Excess
6	Coal, anthracite, coke and charcoal	As prescribed in Table A)	10% applicable only when required to be sold by mass but exempted from a quantity indication.
7	Liquid Petroleum Gasses (Propane and Butane and mixtures thereof)	3%	Unrestricted
8	Sheet width and length for perforated rolls and width and total length for unperforated rolls of tissue paper which is sold as or under the name of toilet paper or which has the appearance of toilet tissue paper when wound in the form of a roll with a width not exceeding 140 mm	2%	Unrestricted

Made this 7th day of April,2022.

M. K. PHIRI
Minister of Trade and Industry

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