

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Qus.1. What are Weights & Measures laws? What is the necessity of imposing these laws?

Ans: To ensure uniform enforcement of standards and connected matters in Weights & Measures throughout the country, the Govt. has enacted: 1. Legal Metrology Act, 2009, 2. Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, 3. Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011, 4. Legal Metrology (Approval of Models) Rules, 2011, 5. Legal Metrology (National Standards) Rules, 2011, 6. Legal Metrology (Numeration) Rules, 2011, 7. Indian Institute of Legal Metrology Rules, 2011, 8. West Bengal Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. Those act and rules made there under are collectively known as Weights & Measures laws.

Qus.2. What is pre-packed commodity?

Ans: Any commodity which, is placed in a package without the purchaser being present, is of whatever nature so that the quantity of the product contained therein has a predetermined value which can't be altered without opening of the package, is a pre-packed commodity.

Qus.3. Who is packer?

Ans: Any person or a firm, which pre-packs any commodity whether in any bottle, tin, wrapper or otherwise in units suitable for sale, is a Packer. Packers need to register themselves under rule 27 of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 either from Controller of Legal Metrology or Director of Legal Metrology.

Qus.4 What are the consequences - If anyone pre-packs/ imports any commodity for sale/ distribution/delivery without obtaining Registration Certificate under rule 27?

Ans: Director, Controller or Legal Metrology Officer shall seize such packaged commodities and under rule 32 of LM (PC) Rules 2011 shall impose fine amounting Rs.4,000/- (four thousand only) if it is first offense, which is getting increased to Rs.5000/-(five thousand only) with effect from 01.01.2018.

Qus.5 What are the documents required for processing service request for Registration Certificate?

Ans: The following documents are required to be uploaded for processing service request for Registration Certificate:

Sl. No.	Documents	Requirement status
1	Trade License	Required
2	Rent/Ownership	Required
3	VAT	Required
4	Partnership deed/EM-1/Form-32	Required
5	Monogram/ Trade mark (i.e. photocopy/ photo of Label)	Required
6	Land conversion Certificate	Required
7	NoC from PCB, WB, if relevant	Required
8	Certificate under seed act, if any	Required
9	Food license for food item, if relevant	Required
10	Liquor license, if relevant	Required
11	Explosive License, if relevant	Required
12	Certificate from SWID, if any	Required

Qus.6. What are the items on which the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 are not applicable?

Ans: The following are the items on which the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 are not applicable (w.e.f. 1.1.2018)-

- (a) packages of commodities containing quantity of more than 25 kg or 25 liter;
- (b) cement, fertilizer and agricultural farm produce sold in bags above 50 kg; and
- (c) packaged commodities meant for industrial consumers or institutional consumers.

Qus.7 What are the precautions to be taken by a person while purchasing Pre-Packed Commodities from Whole seller/ Supplier/ Manufacturer/ Shopkeeper?

Ans: Every person who either purchase or sells any Commodity in Pre-packed shape should ensure that it bears the following declarations:-

- i. Name and Address of Manufacturer/Packer/Importer.
- ii. Name of item/ Commodity.
- iii. Net-quantity either in Weights, Measures or length as the case may be.
- iv. Month & year of Manufacture/Packing/Import.
- v. Sale price of item/packet as MRP Rs ____ (inclusive of all taxes).
- vi. Expiry date in case of eatable item.

Qus.8 What are the requirements while purchasing the IMPORTED Items?

Ans: The followings are the compulsory declaration required on a packet, which have been imported and available for sale:

- i. Name and Address of the Importer OR packer OR Manufacturer.
- ii. Name of the Commodity.
- iii. Net quantity in terms of Weights & Measures.
- iv. Year and month of Packing/import.
- v. Maximum Retail Price MRP in Rs (Inclusive of all taxes).

Qus.9 Can a packer may paste stickers on printed MRP on the plea of rate revised?

Ans: No. Individual price sticker is not allowed.

Qus.10 What is fee for issuance of Registration Certificate, alternation of entry in Registration Certificate?

Ans: The fee chart is shown below.

Sl. No.	Type of service	Fee in Rs.
1	Issuance of Registration Certificate	Rs. 500/- per year
2	Alternation/inclusion of entry in Registration Certificate	Rs. 100/- per year