Law No. 23 for 2010 concerning commercial activity
Book Nine

Criterions, Weights and Measures

Section One
Legal measurement units

Article (1204)
Units' system
The international units system uses bases for Libyan measurement units and the relative Libyan measurement units specify the international units system and its symbols.

Article (1205)
National standards
The national center for specifications and measurement standards approves national standards that embody measurement units which necessity specifies and it will be preserved according the followed scientific principles and it will be based on the international standards.

Article (1206)
Utilization of measurement units
The international units system for units is utilized in all Libyan measurements such as:
1. All trade dealings that include directly or indirectly any measurements.
2. Documents relating to the elimination, authentication, accounts, tenders, conditions and all official documents.
3. Whatever concerns prices, services, announcements, media, education, industry, health, public safety, the laboratories and the specifications.
4. All external dealings but in case of dealing with countries using units system other than the international units system for units, the used units of that country should be recorded on the side of the international units system for the units.

Article (1207)
Measurement tools and devices
The used tools and devices for measurement should give results with proofs of international units system for units.

Section Two
Controlling measures

Article (1208)
Compliance with conditions
The tools and devices for measurement which are subject to compulsory control according this law should fulfill the conditions for measurement stipulated in this law for:
1. The new and locally manufactured or imported tools and devices for measurements

2. The circulated tools and devices for measurement
3. The tools and devices for measurement after repairing or amendment

Article (1209)
Compulsory control
The tools and instruments for measurement are subject to compulsory control which is specified by the executive rules stipulated in article (1227).
It is not allowed to use tools and instruments for measurement which do not fulfill the requirements and conditions stated in article (1208) of this law.

Article (1210)
Classification of compulsory control
Compulsory control on tools and instruments for measurement is classified as follows:
1. Approval of forms for tools and devices for measurement which are locally manufactured or imported
2. Initial investigation of validity of tools and devices for measurement which are locally manufactured or imported
3. Periodic verification
4. Verification after repairing or amendment
5. Controlling utilization of tools and instruments for measurement and its method for ascertaining application of provisions of this law

Article (1211)
Applying methods of control
The Libyan measurement specification specifies the methods for controlling the tools for measurement.

Article (1212)
Seal or tag
The tools and devices for measurement that fulfill the requirements and conditions stated in article (1208) are given special control stamps or to be provided with certificates of compliance to give a recipe of a legal tool or device for measurement.
The tools and devices for measurement that are not conforming with the requirements and conditions stated in article (1208) are given refusal seal until it is amended or repaired.
In all cases the refused tools and devices for measurement referred to in paragraph (2) of this article should not be used. The presence of the refused tools and devices in the work place is considered as used.
The center will specify the forms and/or description of control seals on tools and devices for measurement.
The legal control seals should be set on tools and devices for measurement by the legally authorized officials.

Article (1213)
Controlling measures
Measures referred to in article (1206) of this law are subject to control and the executive rules stipulated in article (1227) of this law will specify the methods of control and the assigned authority.

Article (1214)
Application of specifications
Standard specifications, evidences and recommendations concerning methods for measurement and the standards which are issued or approved by the center should be applied.

Article (1215)
Control on quantities of products and packed materials
The quantities of products and packed materials offered for circulation that holds data labels that clarify in an explicit or symbolic form the specified quantity of the product.
The center will specify the methods and requirements for validating products' quantities, packed materials and allowed limits.

Article (1216)
Manufacturing, selling and repairing tools and devices for measurement
The executive rules stipulated in article (1227) of this law will specify the necessary conditions for granting license to exercise the activity of import or export or manufacturing or repairing or selling or hiring tools and devices for measurement included in the provisions of this law.
The mentioned entities will be subject to continuous legal control as stated in the executive rules stipulated in article (1227) of this law.

Section Three
Distribution of jurisdictions

Article (1217)
The authority implementing the provisions of this book
The competent authority will implement the provisions stated in this book and the competent secretary may assign other specialized authorities or with a special scientific and technical nature to implement compulsory control totally or partially on specific kind of tools and devices for measurement provided that these authorities are approved to perform this type of activity. The executive rules stipulated in article (1227) of this law will specify the requirements for approving the mentioned authorities.

Article (1218)
The competent authority of specifications and measurement standards
The competent authority of specifications and measurement standards will perform the following tasks:
1. To set, approve and preserve the national standards according the followed scientific principles.

2. Research and development of the national standards and to set annual plans and programs in the field of implementing the national system for measurement and criteria.
3. To prepare and decide the technical rules concerning the tools and devices for measurement and criteria which are subject to control.
4. To specify the methods and systems for control on tools and devices for measurement and criteria on the current measurements during the trade dealings and others.
5. To prepare and decide the specifications and evidences for methods of testing the tools and devices for measurement.
6. Specifying the tools and devices for measurement which are subjected to compulsory control.
7. To approve the forms of tools and devices for measurement and criteria.
8. To specify and decide the shape of seals to be set on the tools and devices for measurement and standards to signify its fulfillment with requirements of the types of control referred to in article (1210).
9. To specify and decided the form concerning certificates of control and criteria.
10. To specify the qualifications and experiences required in the personnel who are authorized to control.
11. To state the opinion on issues presented concerning application of the provisions of this book.

Section Four
Penalties

Article (1219)
Absence of legal seals
A fine of at least LD. 1,000.- and not more than LD. 3,000.- is imposed on whoever posses for trading or using gauge or measuring device without the legal seals proving fulfillment of requirements of types of control specified in this book.

Article (1220)
Manipulation of the devices which are calibrated
A fine of at least LD. 3,000.- and not more than LD. 5,000.- is imposed on whoever makes alteration in the legal tools and devices for measurement which were calibrated.

Article (1221)
Repetition
The penalty stipulated in articles (1219 and 1220) will be multiple in case of repetition.

Article (1222)
Disposal of device which are not calibrated
A fine of LD. 500 will be imposed on anybody that repairs the legal tools and devices without license.

Article (1223)
Impairing the functions of the judicial control officer
The penalty of imprisonment for not less than one month and not more than six months and a fine not less than LD. 1,000.- and not more than LD. 2,000.- or one of the two penalties any body who impaired the functions of the judicial control officer.

Section Five
Final provisions

Article (1224)
The character of the judicial control officer
GPC will issue decision nominating the persons who will have the character of the judicial control officer and in this respect they should prove violations of these provisions; and for this purpose they are allowed to enter all the industrial, serviceable and private corporations.

Article (1225)
Criteria fees
The work for controlling will be against financial fees which will be specified by decision from the competent secretary with the exception of control work which its aim is verification of applying the provisions of this book.

Article (1226)
Coordination in the affairs of specifications and standard measures
Coordination between the concerned authorities in the affairs of specifications and standard measures will be according the executive rules stipulated in article (1227) particularly in the following issues:
1. Plants and laboratories
2. Devices and equipments for measuring used in the operations of measuring and criteria
3. The personnel in field of measuring and criteria

Article (1227)
Executive rules
GPC issues rules which organize the necessary bases and procedures for implementing the provisions of this book.