



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

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**From: Brent Bowman
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**Re: Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices
Commercial Use Scales**

In accordance with *MISS. CODE ANN. §75-27-23*, all weighing and measuring devices used commercially within the State of Mississippi must be inspected and tested by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

MISS. CODE ANN. §75-27-23 further requires that all commercial use devices be traceable to a NTEP Certificate of Conformance (NTEP CC). All components of the device that affect the metrological integrity of the device, including but not limited to, the load receiving and weighing element, load cells, and indicator must be traceable to a NTEP CC for the device to be traceable to a NTEP CC.

The National Conference on Weights & Measures (NCWM) administers the NTEP program. NCWM has a searchable database that can be of assistance in determining if a particular device (or component) is traceable to a NTEP CC and is located at <https://www.ncwm.com/ntep-certificates>.

MISS. CODE ANN. §75-27-59 prohibits the commercial use of any weighing or measuring device that does not bear the official "APPROVED" seal of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce.

When purchasing a device, such as a scale, numerous scale companies licensed by the department can assist with selecting a suitable NTEP approved device. In addition, NTEP approved devices can also be purchased through other means.

Scale purchasers unfamiliar with the NTEP Certificate of Conformance are encouraged to contact the Weights and Measures Division of the Department at (601) 359-1149 prior to purchasing any device so that potential problems can be avoided, and that the device is compliant with applicable laws.