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**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT
(CS-II)**

AMENDMENT TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGAL METROLOGY (ENFORCEMENT)
RULES, 2011 - PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION.

*(G.O.Ms.No.14, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies (CS-II),
22nd September, 2026.)*

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

The following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 proposed to be issued under section 53 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 are published for information of persons likely to be affected thereby. Notice is hereby given that the said draft amendments will be taken into consideration by the Government on or after expiry of Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

Any objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect thereto before the expiry of aforesaid period will be considered by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Objections and suggestions should be addressed to the Commissioner and Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Corporation Building, Ashok Nagar, Kanuru, Bandar Road, Vijayawada – 520007.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules:-

1. In Rule 2, after clause (o), the following clauses shall be added, namely-

(p) "High-Risk weight or measure" means such weight or measure for which the financial impact of its inaccuracy is significant, or which has a high susceptibility and lucrative scope for manipulation or tampering, carrying a substantial likelihood of causing severe adverse impact on consumer interest or fairness of trade in the event of inaccuracy or non-compliance; the critical nature of which is to be dealt with exclusively by Government authorities vested with legal accountability for the statutory function

(q) "Medium-Risk weight or measure" means such weight or measure for which the financial impact of its inaccuracy is moderate, or which has limited scope for manipulation, possessing standard stability but carrying a moderate likelihood of causing adverse impact on consumer interest or fairness of trade in the event of inaccuracy or non-compliance, necessitating standard periodic verification to ensure compliance with prescribed specifications

(r) "Low-Risk weight or measure" means such weight or measure for which, the financial impact of its inaccuracy is negligible or which has the minimal scope for manipulation, is inherently stable and not prone to tampering have a low likelihood of causing adverse impact on consumer interest or fairness of trade in the event of inaccuracy or non-compliance, while duly complying with the prescribed specifications.

(s) "Self-Certification of Weight or Measure": Self-Certification means a process by which the user of a weight or measure classified under the Low-Risk category submits an electronic declaration through the designated online portal, in the prescribed manner, declaring and certifying that such weight or measure conforms to the requirements of the Act and the rules made thereunder, on payment of prescribed fee.

(t) "Third-Party Certification": Third-Party Certification means verification of a weight or measure by the Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs) notified by the Central Government for Inter-State commerce in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, in such manner as may be prescribed.

2. After sub-rule (1) of Rule 15, the following clause (a) shall be inserted, namely,-

(a) Any user of Weight or Measure specified under the Low-Risk Category in the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) Rules, 2026, shall get such Weight or Measure Self Certified for Periodical re-verification in the prescribed manner and as specified by the Controller from time to time.

(ii) For sub-rule (2) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(2) Where any Weight or Measure is such that it cannot, or should not, be moved from its location, the Legal Metrology Officer or Third-Party Agency as the case may be, shall take necessary steps for the verification of such Weight or Measure at the place of its location."

(iii) For clause (a) sub-rule (7) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely, -

(a) Any Weight or Measure due for re-verification has not been submitted for such re-verification or has not yet been Self-certified by the user in the prescribed manner, as the case may be.

(iv) sub-rule (8) of Rule 15, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

“(8) The Certificate of Approval of Model issued by the Central Government shall be produced to the Legal Metrology Officer by the manufacturer or importer as the case may be, before verification. The user of the Weight or Measure shall keep a copy of such certificate of Approval of Model. The Legal Metrology Officer, the user / Third-Party Agency, as the case may be, shall incorporate the number of such Certificate of Approval of Model in the Verification Certificate/ Self Certification.”

(v) In sub-rule (9) of Rule 15, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely,-

“9 (a) Provisions relating to Self-Certification:

No user who is in possession of a Weight or Measure of the Low-Risk Category shall be permitted for Self-Certification of such Weight or Measure, unless he complies with the following conditions, namely :-

(i) Initial Verification: All Weights or Measures classified under the Low-Risk category shall undergo initial verification by the users by way of Self-Certification before being put into use, through the online portal as prescribed in these rules.

Provided, that the users of all such Low-Risk category Weights or Measures shall ensure that they possess valid copies of the Model Approval and the Original Invoice Copies of such Weights or Measures bought by them before carrying out initial Verification.

(ii) Eligibility for Self-Certification: Only those Weights or Measures that have been categorized under the Low-Risk category and duly verified initially by the users by way of Self-Certification as prescribed under paragraph (i) above are eligible for Self-Certification for subsequent periodical re-verifications.

(iii) Application for Self-Certification: Every such user shall apply for Self-Certification within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the Verification Certificate or Self-

Certification through the designated online portal, as the case may be.

(iv) Fee Payment: Fee shall be paid online, as prescribed in Schedule IX(A), for availing the facility of Self- certification.

(v)Online undertaking: The applicant shall submit an undertaking unequivocally confirming that:-

- (a) The Weight or Measure is in proper working condition;
- (b) It conforms to the prescribed standards;
- (c) No tampering or alteration has been made;

(vi) Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification to be exhibited: Upon successful submission, the user shall download the "Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk Category Weight or Measure" and shall exhibit the same in a conspicuous place in the premises where the Weight, Measure or Weighing or Measuring Instrument to which such Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification relates are used.

(vii)Period of Validity of Self Certification: The validity of the certificate of the weight & measure shall be as specified in Rule 27 of Legal Metrology (General) Rules 2011.

(viii)Failure to apply within time: If any user fails to apply online for Self-Certification within the stipulated period for re-verification by themselves, the Self-Certification will not be permitted and such Weight or Measure shall undergo regular verification by the Legal Metrology Officer.

(ix)Inspection: The department may conduct random or complaint-based inspections to ensure compliance with the Legal Metrology Act and the rules made thereunder and to prevent misuse of Self-Certification of the Low-Risk Weight or Measure.

(x)Misuse or false undertaking: Misuse of Certificate-cum-Declaration or a false undertaking for Self-Certification under Low-Risk category shall attract penalties under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act and the rules made thereunder."

3. After sub-rule (1) of Rule 16, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely, -

“(a) The user of a Low-Risk Weight or Measure as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) Rules, 2026, is exempted from the requirement of re-verification and stamping by the Legal Metrology Officer, subject to the condition that such user shall possess a “Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk Category Weight or Measure” as specified in Schedule VIII-A, in support of Self-Certification, in such manner, as prescribed under these rules.

(b) For those weights or measures, that are notified for Third-Party Certification by the Central Government for Inter-State Commerce or by the State Government for Intra-State Commerce, as the case may be, such Third-Party Agencies can stamp such Weight or Measure if, after verification, they are satisfied that such Weight or Measure conforms to the standards established by or under the Act and rules made thereunder, in the manner as specified by the Controller.

Provided that if any user of Low-Risk Weight or Measure as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) Rules, 2026, opts to get any of his Weight or Measure verified by the Department voluntarily before the expiry of validity period, the Legal Metrology Officer shall verify such Weight or Measure upon receipt of an online application and payment of prescribed fee as per Schedule IX(A).”

4. After sub-rule (1) of Rule 17, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely, -

“(a) Fee payable by the users of the Low-Risk category of Weight or Measure for Self-Certification shall be at the rate specified in Schedule IX (A).

Provided that the fee payable for verification and stamping of any new Weight or Measure as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Legal Metrology Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) Rules, 2026, shall be at the rate specified in the Schedule IX(A) plus an additional fee of twenty five percent of the fee aforesaid”.

5. After Schedule VIII appended to the rules, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely,-

**“Schedule VIII-A
Certificate-cum-Declaration for Self-Certification of Low-Risk
Category Weight or Measure**

[Under rule 16(1) (b)]

Certificate No _____ Date _____

I. Particulars of the user / establishment

- i. Name of the User / Establishment: _____
- ii. Address of the establishment: _____
- iii. Nature of Business: _____
- iv. Contact Details:
 - a. Mobile No.: _____
 - b. Email Id: _____
- v. Previous Certificate / Verification Certificate No.: _____

II. Details of Self-verified Weight & Measure (Low-Risk Category):

I/We hereby self-certify that I/we have this day Self-verified the under mentioned Weights, Measures etc., belonging to us.

Sl. No.	Description of Weights / Measures	Place of Use	Make/ Model Approval	Capacity	Quantity	Self-certification fee	Total fee
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

(Col No. 8) Grand Total Rs. _____ (in words Rupees Only)
 deposited vide CFMS Challan No. _____ Date _____

Note:

1. Display this Certificate on conspicuous place of the business premises.
2. Every user who opts for Self-Certification shall apply within thirty days prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the Self-Certification Certificate or the Verification Certificate as the case may be, through the designated online portal.
3. If any user fails to apply online within the stipulated period for re-verification, the Self-Certification will not be permitted and such Weight or Measure shall undergo regular verification by the Legal Metrology Officer.

4. If any Weight or Measure is repaired before the due date of Self-certification, the user should get it Re-Self-Certified or Re-Verified, as the case may be, on payment of the prescribed fee, before being put in to use.

5. Declaration and Undertaking for Self – Certification:

I / We hereby declare that:

- i. The above Weight or Measure fall under the Low-Risk Category as specified by the State Government.
- ii. The above Weight or Measure are duly conforming to the Standards established by the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.
- iii. The Weight or Measure are accurate, correct and properly maintained and are being used only for lawful commercial transactions.
- iv. No un-authorized alteration, modification or stamping has been made to any Weight or Measure.
- v. I / We undertake to produce Weights and / or Measures for inspection by the Legal Metrology Officers, whenever required.
- vi. I / We are aware that, in case of submission of false or misleading information shall render me / us liable for penal action under the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made thereunder.

6. Place, Date and Signature

Place: _____

Date: _____

Signature of User / Authorized signatory

Next Self-Certification due on _____"

6. In Schedule IX appended to the rules, after Sl. No. 29, the following shall be added, namely,-

"30. Load Cell

Denomination	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
upto 5kN	2000.00
above 5kN and upto 100kN	5000.00

31. Gas Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
i. Domestic	500.00
ii. Commercial	2000.00
iii. Industrial	5000.00

32. Energy Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
i. Domestic	1000.00
ii. Commercial	3000.00
iii. Industrial	5000.00

33. Moisture Meters

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Moisture Meters	2500.00

34. Speed Meters for Vehicles

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Speed Meters for Vehicles	15000.00

35. Breath Analyser

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Breath Analyser	2500.00

36. Multi-Dimensional Measuring Instruments

	Rate of Fee (Rs.)
Multi-Dimensional Measuring Instruments	3600.00"

7. After Schedule IX appended to the rules, the following Schedules shall be inserted, namely, -

Schedule IX-A**[Rule 17(1)(a)]**

(Fee for Self-Certification of Low-Risk category of Weight or Measure)

- (a) Fee for all the Weight or Measure permitted for Self-Certification is as specified in Schedule IX.

K. KANNA BABU,

Ex-Officio Secretary to Government.

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