Hemp and weights and measures

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The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Weights and Measures Program works to ensure all products sold by weight, measure or count contain the declared amount, including items sold in bulk or pre-packaged. It also administers the Service Registration Program which includes agencies and technicians who install, calibrate, and repair commercial weighing and measuring devices.

Regulatory authority:

- Weights and Measures Law, Public Act 283 of 1967

Summary of regulatory requirements:
Please refer to the public act and rule for specific requirements.

- Legal for Trade scales allow for the selling of products by weight, in accordance with state law and the National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Certification, ensuring the highest level of accuracy in weight-based transactions. MDARD requires all commercial devices have a valid NTEP certification of conformance.
- All commercial scales require calibration tests from MDARD's Weights and Measures Program or a Michigan registered service company prior to the initial use. Registered service companies are available online at www.michigan.gov/wminfo.
- Owners of a commercial scale do not have the authority to install, calibrate or seal the device unless they are also a Michigan registered service company.
- When buying a scale, begin by looking at the range of weighing (min. and max.), the increment size and the suitability to meet your business needs, which means a scale with the necessary resolution and capacity and platform of adequate size.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does direct sales mean?
The sale of a weighed or measured commodity in the presence of a consumer.

If I package hemp, what are the basic labeling requirements?
Basic requirements include product identity, name and address of the responsible party, and the net content of the product (not including any packaging materials).

Will Weights and Measures Inspectors come to my site and review the equipment and processes in place to offer guidance to ensure compliance?
Yes. MDARD inspectors can discuss equipment requirements, packaging methods, method of sale, etc. to ensure compliance.

For more information regarding Michigan's Weights and Measures Program, visit www.michigan.gov/wminfo.