

Guide to Legal for Trade Commercial Scales

Direct sale scales, those where both the buyer and seller are present, need to be “Legal for Trade”. Direct sale scales must be placed where the weighing operation and weight indicator are visible to the consumer. Legal for Trade scales manufactured after 2003 will have a nomenclature plate with appropriate marking.

Marking Requirements

Nomenclature plates need to contain the following information:

- Make of Scale
- Model of Scale
- Serial Number
- Class designation:
 - Roman Numeral II (high precision)
 - Roman Numeral III (deli, farmer’s market)



Example Nomenclature Plate

NTEP Approved scales are required (manufacturers are issued a Certificate of Conformance). These will have a CC number on the plate. The number may be prefaced by terms such as: “NTEP CC”, “CC”, and “Approval”.

Other Requirements

Scales must also be suitable for the service in which it is to be used with respect to elements of design: minimum and maximum capacities, number of scale divisions, value of the scale division, and computing capability if a price computing scale.

Purchasing Scales Online

It is important to check and make certain that scales purchased online are Legal for Trade. Scales that are Legal for Trade will state so in the information and specifications. Scale bought over the internet must be placed into service by a registered service person, or weights & measures inspector.

Used Scales

Used scales may be purchased as long as they meet all requirements of being legal for trade as of the date of their manufacture. Older scales may be exempt from some of the current marking requirements. Used scales that have been out of service for a period should also be placed into service by a registered service person, or weights & measures inspector.



Vermont Weights & Measures Registered Scale Service Companies

The following scale companies are registered with the state of Vermont. Their registration allows them to sell, repair, and place scales into commercial service for use in the state of Vermont. This is a partial list of registered companies. For a complete list please contact:

Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets
Consumer Protection Section
Marc Paquette
116 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2901
Office: 802-828-2426
Cell: 802-793-6744
marc.paquette@vermont.gov

Farnham Scale System
Williamstown, VT 05679
802-433-6000

Willey Scale Company
Waterford, VT 05819
802-535-9881

Dumac Business Equipment
New York
315-234-3259

Hobart Service
Hooksett, NH 03106
802-773-7183

Advanced Scale, Inc.
Londonderry, NH 03053
877-626-0242

Commercial Scale & Balance
Agawam, MA 01001
877-867-6272

Northeast Scale
Hooksett, NH 03106
603-622-0080

Fairbanks Scales
New England
1-800-232-0252 ext. 1

Alliance Scale
Canton, MA 02021
1-800-343-6802

NCR
New England
1-800-225-5627

Scale Service and Supply Company Inc.
Rensselaer, NY 12144
1-800-724-6984

