

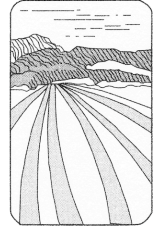


Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

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Date: June 21, 2010

To: Owners or operator's of commercially used scales

Re: Unlicensed scales used for weighing precious metals or jewelry

We believe you are the owner or operator of unlicensed commercial weighing equipment. Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 618.121, weighing and measuring devices must be licensed with our office before use in trade or commercial sales.

In addition to licensing, scales used in trade or commercial sales must have an active National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Certificate of Conformance (CC). Typically a Class III, NTEP approved, 300 gram scale with 0.1 gram division size is appropriate for gem and precious metal applications. To find out if a scale has an NTEP CC go to www.ncwm.net/certificates.

We are currently assisting businesses that are using scales that are either not yet licensed or not legal-for-trade, which are being used to weigh jewelry and precious metals, including scrap precious metals.

Please:

- Review the enclosed information regarding "Basic Responsibilities" for owners and operators of commercial weighing and measuring equipment.
- If you are the owner or operator of an unlicensed commercially used scale, please contact our office so we can assist you in getting your scale licensed and approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

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