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**NOTIFICATION**

Imphal, July 25, 2022

No. 2/33/2022-Leg/L: In pursuance of rule 150 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Manipur Legislative Assembly, the following Bill as introduced in the Manipur Legislative Assembly, in its sitting held on July 25, 2022 is hereby published in the Manipur Gazette Extraordinary:

1. The Legal Metrology (Manipur First Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 9 of 2022).

NUNGSHTOMBIATHOKPAM,  
Commissioner (Law),  
Government of Manipur.

**THE LEGAL METROLOGY (MANIPUR FIRST AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

**A**

**Bill**

*to amend the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (1 of 2010) in its application to the State of Manipur.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of State of Manipur in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

	1. (1) This Act may be called the Legal Metrology (Manipur First Amendment) Act, 2022.	Short title, extent and commencement.
	(2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Manipur.	
	(3) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Manipur.	
Central Act No.1 of 2010	2. In section 25 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act), for the words "twenty-five thousand rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.	Amendment of section 25.
	3. In section 26 of the Principal Act, for the words "fifty thousand rupees", the words "one lakh rupees" shall be substituted.	Amendment of section 26.
	4. In clause (b) of section 27 of the Principal Act, for the words "twenty thousand rupees", the words "forty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.	Amendment of section 27.
	5. In section 28 of the Principal Act, for the words "ten thousand rupees", the words "twenty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.	Amendment of section 28.
	6. In section 29 of the Principal Act, for the words "ten thousand rupees", the words "twenty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.	Amendment of section 29.

- Amendment of section 30. 7. In section 30 of the Principal Act, for the words “ten thousand rupees”, the words “twenty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 31. 8. In section 31 of the Principal Act, for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 32. 9. In section 32 of the Principal Act, for the words “twenty thousand rupees”, the words “forty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 33. 10. In section 33 of the Principal Act, for the words “two thousand rupees but which may extend to ten thousand”, the words “four thousand rupees but which may extend to twenty thousand” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 34. 11. In section 34 of the Principal Act, for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 35. 12. In section 35 of the Principal Act, for the words “two thousand rupees but which may extend to five thousand rupees”, the words “four thousand rupees but which may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 36. 13. In section 36 of the Principal Act –  
 (1) In sub-section (1), for the words “fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees, for the second offence, with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and for the subsequent offence, with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees”, the words “fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, for the second offence, with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees and for the subsequent offence, with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees but which may extend to two lakh rupees” shall be substituted.  
 (2) In sub-section (2) for the words “ten thousand rupees but which may extend to fifty thousand rupees”, the words “twenty thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 37. 14. In sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Principal Act, for the words “one lakh rupees”, the words “two lakh rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 38. 15. In section 38 of the Principal Act, for the words “twenty-five thousand rupees”, the words “fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 39. 16. In section 39 of the Principal Act, for the words “fifty thousand rupees”, the words “one lakh rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 41. 17. In sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 41 of the Principal Act, for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 42. 18. In section 42 of the Principal Act, for the words “ten thousand rupees”, the words “twenty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of section 43. 19. In section 43 of the Principal Act, for the words “ten thousand rupees”, the words “twenty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

- 20.** In section 45 of the Principal Act, for the words “twenty thousand rupees”, the words “forty thousand rupees” shall be substituted. Amendment of section 45.
- 21.** In section 46 of the Principal Act, for the words “five thousand rupees”, the words “ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted. Amendment of section 46.
- 22.** In section 47 of the Principal Act, for the words “twenty thousand rupees”, the words “forty thousand rupees” shall be substituted. Amendment of section 47.
- 23.** In section 25 to section 47 of the Principal Act, for the word “imprisonment” wherever it occurs, the words “suspension of licence” wherever applicable, shall be substituted. Amendment of section 25 to 47.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The proposed Bill is to establish and enforce standards of weights and measures, regulate trade and commerce in weights, measures and other goods which are sold or distributed by weight, measure or number and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Hence, this Bill.

Imphal, ....., 2022

L. Susindro Meitei  
Minister (i/c CAF&PD)  
Manipur

**FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

As and when the proposed legislation is enacted, there shall be no financial involvement from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

**EXTRACT OF RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE LEGAL METROLOGY  
ACT, 2009**

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**25. Penalty for use of non-standard weight or measure.**—Whoever uses or keeps for use any weight or measure or makes use of any numeration otherwise than in accordance with the standards of weight or measure or the standard of numeration, as the case may be, specified by or under this Act, shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and also with fine.

**26. Penalty for alteration of weight and measure.**—Whoever tampers with, or alters in any way, any reference standard, secondary standard or working standard or increases or decreases or alters any weight or measure with a view to deceiving any person or knowing or having reason to believe that any person is likely to be deceived thereby, except where such alteration is made for the correction of any error noticed therein on verification, shall be punished with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and for the second and subsequent offence with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

**27. Penalty for manufacture or sale of non-standard weight or measure.**—Every person who manufactures or causes to be manufactured or sells or offers, exposes or possesses for sale, any weight or measure which,— (a) does not conform to the standards of weight or measure specified by or under this Act; or (b) which bears thereon any inscription of weight, measure or number which does not conform to the standards of weight, measure or numeration specified by or under this Act, except where he is permitted to do so under this Act, shall be punished with a fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.

**28. Penalty for making any transaction, deal or contract in contravention of the prescribed standards.**—Whoever makes any transaction, deal or contract in contravention of the standards of weights and measures specified under section 10 shall be punished with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**29. Penalty for quoting or publishing, etc., of non-standard units.**—Whoever violates section 11 shall be punished with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees and, for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**30. Penalty for transactions in contravention of standard weight or measure.**—Whoever— (a) in selling any article or thing by weight, measure or number, delivers or causes to be delivered to the purchaser any quantity or number of that article or thing less than the quantity or number contracted for or paid for; or (b) in rendering any service by weight, measure or number, renders that service less than the service contracted for or paid for; or (c) in buying any article or thing by weight, measure or number, fraudulently receives, or causes to be received any quantity or number of that article or thing in excess of the quantity or number contracted for or paid for; or (d) in obtaining any service by weight, measure or number, obtains that service in excess of the service contracted for or paid for, shall be punished with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees, and, for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**31. Penalty for non-production of documents, etc.**—Whoever, being required by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder to submit returns, maintain any record or register, or being required by the Director or the Controller or any legal metrology officer to produce before him for inspection any weight or measure or any document, register or other record relating thereto, omits or fails without any reasonable excuse, so to do, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and also with fine.

**32. Penalty for failure to get model approved.**—Whoever fails or omits to submit model of any weight or measure for approval, shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and also with fine.

**33. Penalty for use of unverified weight or measure.**—Whoever, sells, distributes, delivers or otherwise transfers or uses any unverified weight or measure shall be punished with fine which shall not be less than two thousand rupees but which may extend to ten thousand rupees and, for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and also with fine.

**34. Penalty for sale or delivery of commodities, etc., by non-standard weight or measure.**—Whoever sells, or causes to be sold, delivers, or causes to be delivered, any commodity, article or thing by any means other than the standard weight or measure or number, shall be punished with fine which shall not be less than two thousand rupees but which may extend to five thousand rupees and, for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**35. Penalty for rendering services by non-standard weight, measure or number.**—Whoever renders or causes to be rendered, any service through means other than the weight or measure or numeration or in terms of any weight, measure or number other than the standard weight or measure, shall be punished with fine which shall not be less than two thousand rupees but which may extend to five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**36. Penalty for selling, etc., of non-standard packages.**—(1) Whoever manufactures, packs, imports, sells, distributes, delivers or otherwise transfers, offers, exposes or possesses for sale, or causes to be sold, distributed, delivered or otherwise transferred, offered, exposed for sale any pre-packaged commodity which does not conform to the declarations on the package as provided in this Act, shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees, for the second offence, with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and for the subsequent offence, with fine which shall not be less than fifty thousand rupees but which may extend to one lakh rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with both. (2) Whoever manufactures or packs or imports or causes to be manufactured or packed or imported, any pre-packaged commodity, with error in net quantity as may be prescribed shall be punished with fine which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and for the second and subsequent offence, with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with both.

**37. Penalty for contravention by Government approved Test Centre.**—(1) Where any Government approved Test Centre contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, or the conditions of the licence, it shall be punished with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees. (2) Where any owner or employee of a Government Approved Test Centre performing



duties in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, wilfully verifies or stamps any weight or measure in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder, he shall, for every such contravention, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.

**38. Penalty for non-registration by importer of weight or measure.**—Whoever imports any weight or measure without being registered under this Act shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

**39. Penalty for import of non-standard weight or measure.**—Whoever imports any non-standard weight or measure shall be punished with fine, which may extend to fifty thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and also with fine.

**40. Penalty for obstructing Director, Controller or legal metrology officer.**—Whoever obstructs the Director, the Controller or any legal metrology officer with intent to prevent or deter the Director or the Controller or any legal metrology officer from exercising his powers or discharging his functions, or in consequence of anything done or attempted to be done by the Director or the Controller or any legal metrology officer in the lawful exercise of his powers or discharge of his functions as such, or whoever obstructs the entry of the Director or the Controller or any legal metrology officer into any premises for inspection and verification of any weight or measure or any document or record relating thereto or the net contents of any packaged commodity or for any other purpose shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years.

**41. Penalty for giving false information or false return.**—(1) Whoever gives any information to the Director, the Controller or any legal metrology officer, which he may require or ask for in the course of his duty, and which such person either knows or has reason to believe to be false, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months and also with fine. (2) Whoever, being required by or under this Act so to do, submits a return or maintains any record or register which is false in material particulars, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and also with fine.

**42. Vexatious search.**—The Director, the Controller or any legal metrology officer, exercising powers under this Act or any rule made thereunder, who knows that there are no reasonable grounds for so doing, and yet— (a) searches, or causes to be searched, any house, conveyance or place; or (b) searches any person; or (c) seizes any weight, measure or other movable property; shall, for every such offence, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.

**43. Penalty for verification in contravention of Act and rules.**—Where the Controller or any legal metrology officer exercising powers under this Act or any rule made thereunder, wilfully verifies or stamps any weight or measure, in contravention of the provisions of this Act or of any rule made thereunder, he shall, for every such offence, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or with both.

**44. Penalty for counterfeiting of seals, etc.**—(1) Whoever— (i) counterfeits any seal specified by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder, or (ii) sells or otherwise disposes of any counterfeit seal, or (iii) possesses any counterfeit seal, or (iv) counterfeits or removes or tampers with any stamp,

specified by or under this Act or rules made thereunder, or (v) affixes the stamp so removed on, or inserts the same into, any other weight or measure, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years. *Explanation.*—In this sub-section, “counterfeit” shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 28 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). (2) Whoever obtains, by unlawful means, any seal specified by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder and uses, or causes to be used, any such seal for making any stamp on any weight or measure with a view to representing that the stamp made by such seal is authorised by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years. (3) Whoever, being in lawful possession of a seal specified by or under this Act or the rules made thereunder, uses, or causes to be used, such seal without any lawful authority for such use, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years. (4) Whoever sells or offers or exposes for sale or otherwise disposes of any weight or measure which, he knows or has reason to believe, bears thereon a counterfeit stamp, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to one year and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to five years.

**45. Penalty for manufacture of weight and measure without licence.**—Whoever, being required to obtain a licence under this Act or the rules made thereunder, manufactures, without being in possession of a valid licence, any weight or measure, shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**46. Penalty for repair, sale, etc., of weight and measure without licence.**—Whoever, being required to obtain a licence under this Act or the rules made thereunder repairs or sells or offers, exposes or possesses for repair or sale, any weight or measure, without being in possession of a valid licence, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and for the second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

**47. Penalty for tampering with licence.**—Whoever alters or otherwise tampers, with any licence issued or renewed under this Act or rules made thereunder, otherwise than in accordance with any authorisation made by the Controller in this behalf, shall be punished with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with both.

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