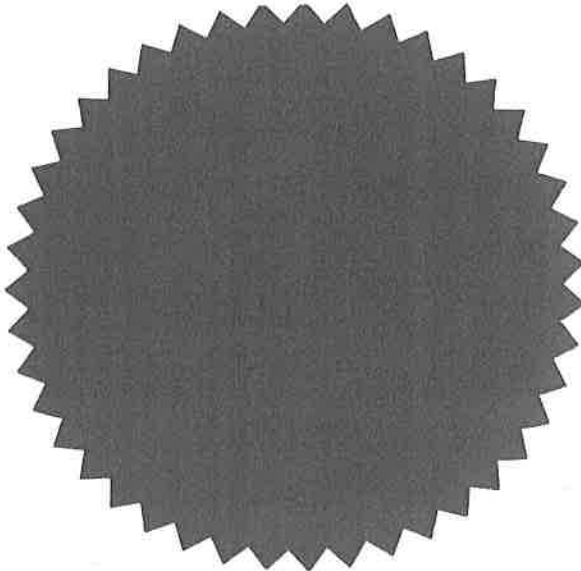


JAMAICA

No. 22 - 2015



I assent,

*P.L. Allen*

*Governor-General.*

*27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015*

AN ACT to Amend the Weights and Measures Act.

*[ 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015 ]*

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, 2015, and shall be read and construed as one with the Weights and Measures Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") and all amendments thereto.

Short title  
and  
construction.

2. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (3) and inserting next after subsection (2) the following subsections—

Amendment  
of section 22  
of principal  
Act.

“ (3) Regulations made under this Act may provide in respect of the breach of any of the provisions thereof that the offender

shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one million dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

(3A) The Minister may, after consultation with the Bureau, vary the amount of the maximum fine specified in subsection (3), by order subject to affirmative resolution.”.

Amendment of section 23 of principal Act.

3. Section 23 of the principal Act is amended by deleting sub-section (5) and inserting next after subsection (4) the following subsection—

“ (5) A person who commits an offence under this Act shall be liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding one million dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.”.

Insertion of new section 23A in principal Act.

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting next after section 23 the following as section 23A—

“ Minister may vary monetary penalties. 23A.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may, by order, vary any monetary penalties under this Act.

(2) An order under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution.”.

Amendment of Regulations.

5.—(1) The Weights and Measures (Prohibition of Non-Metric Measuring Equipment for Trade) Regulations, 1998, are amended by deleting regulation 4 and substituting therefor the following—

“ 4. A person who contravenes regulation 2 or 3 commits an offence and is liable on conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding one million dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.”.

(2) The Weights and Measures (Testing) Regulations, 1986, are amended in regulation 6 by deleting the words “two thousand dollars” and substituting therefor the words “one million dollars”.

(3) The Weights and Measures (Measurement of Petroleum and Oil Fuel for Trade) Regulations, 2004, are amended in regulation 15 by—

- (a) deleting the figure “(1)” appearing before the words “Any person”;
- (b) deleting the words “Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)” and substituting therefor the words “one million dollars”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 8th day of September, 2015.

MICHAEL A. PEART  
*Speaker.*

Passed in the Senate this 25th day of September, 2015 with two (2) amendments.

FLOYD E. MORRIS  
*President.*

On the 29th day of September, 2015 the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate.

ANDRE HYLTON  
*Acting Speaker.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.*

*Sgd. Heather E. Costie*  
*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*