NOTICE 489 OF 2011

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

TRADE METROLOGY ACT, 1973 (ACT NO. 77 OF 1973)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS OF THE TRADE METROLOGY ACT NO 77 OF 1973 PUBLISHED BY GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. R 2362 OF 18 NOVEMBER 1977, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 42 of the TRADE METROLOGY ACT, 1973, and after consultation with the Board established in terms of section 6 of the NATIONAL REGULATOR FOR COMPULSORY SPECIFICATIONS ACT 2008 (ACT 5 OF 2008), I, Dr Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry hereby give notice of my intention to amend Part II of the Trade Metrology Regulations published by Government Notice No. R 2362 of 8 November 1977, as amended, to amend requirements for conveyor belt scales, as set out in the schedule hereto.

Interested persons are invited to make written comments regarding these amendments within two (2) months from date of publication of this notice to the Chief Executive Officer, National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications:

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF PART II OF THE TRADE METROLOGY REGULATIONS

Regulation 47 of Part II of the Trade Metrology Regulations is amended -

- a) by the deletion of subregulations (3) (c) and (3) (d).
- b) by withdrawing subregulation (8) and substituting it with the following subregulation:

Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments Belt weighers

Definitions

- (8) (a) (i) "continuous totalizing automatic weighing instrument" means an automatic weighing instrument for continuously weighing a bulk product on a conveyor belt, without systematic subdivision of the mass and without interrupting the movement of the conveyor belt.
 - (ii) "SANS 863" means the South African National Standard entitled "Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments Belt Weighers", as amended from time to time.

Requirements for design and construction

(b) All continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments shall conform to the requirements of SANS 863 and any similar requirement in this regulation shall not apply.

Verification

(c) Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments shall be verified according to the requirements of annex AA of SANS 863.

Responsibilities of users of continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments

(d) In addition to any requirement of the Act or any other applicable regulation in terms of the Act and unless the user is exempted by any provision in the Act or any other applicable regulation in terms of the Act, the requirements of annex BB of SANS 863 shall be complied with by persons using continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments for a prescribed purpose.