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Canada / U.S. Mutual Recognition of Type Evaluation Program



Fair Measure
For All



La mesure juste
pour tous

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Background

Manufacturers who wish to market their weighing and measuring instruments for use in trade must have them evaluated and approved by a government laboratory.



In Canada, these instruments are evaluated against the requirements of the *Weights and Measures Act*. When contemplating the sale and use of their measuring instruments in both Canada and the United States, manufacturers have historically been required to submit them for approval evaluation in each country.

In 1994, Measurement Canada and its United States counterpart, the National Conference on Weights and Measures, established an agreement (Canada/U.S. Mutual Recognition of Type Evaluation Program) to allow type evaluation or approval laboratories in either country to evaluate instruments against the common and unique requirements of both countries.





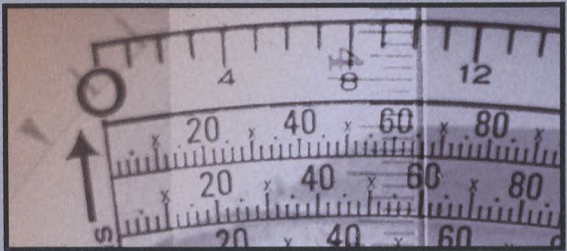
The Program

The Canada/U.S. Mutual Recognition of Type Evaluation Program currently covers:

- electronic weight-indicating instruments (except those that are programmed through software);
- electronic computing and non-computing bench scales, electronic counter scales and floor scales, electronic weighing/load receiving elements with capacities up to 1000 kg; and
- mechanical scales with capacities up to 10 000 kg.

It is foreseen that more instrument types will be covered in the future under this agreement.

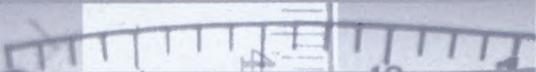
Some Benefits



The program promotes the harmonization of technical standards between the two countries, thus reducing barriers to trade.

Under a “one country only” testing system:

- Manufacturers benefit from a more fluid and open market. They are able to market their products in both countries more quickly and at a lower cost.
- Buyers of weighing and measuring instruments have access to a larger selection of weighing and measuring instruments.
- Measurement Canada saves resources, which, in turn, are directed to establishing a presence in trade sectors where there is less protection against inaccurate measurement.



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