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FOOD, PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 3rd August, 2026

No. 219078/679.- The following draft of the Assam Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026 which the Governor of Assam proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 53 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (Central Act 1 of 2010) is hereby published as required under sub-section (4) of section 53 of the said Act, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty (30) days from the date of its publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

Any objection or suggestion, which may be received from any person in respect of the said draft rules before the expiry of the period specified above, shall be considered by the State Government.

Objections and suggestions may be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, Dispur, Ghy-06.

Draft Rules

Short title and commencement	1.	(1)	These rules may be called the “The Assam Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026”.
		(2)	They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
Definitions	2.	(1)	In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) “Act” means the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 (1 of 2010); (b) “State Government Approved Test Centre” means, a third-party agency which has been approved by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam to undertake verification of weight or measure used in intra-state trade and commerce specified in these Rules, in short “State GATC”; (c) “Principal Agent” means the person, who is in-charge of the State Government Approved Test Centre; (d) “Schedule” means a Schedule appended to these rules; (e) “Government” means the State Government of Assam; (f) “Central GATC Rules” means the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2013 made by the Central Government;
		(2)	Words and expressions used herein and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act and Rules made there under shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act and Rules.

Manner of
notification of
State GATC

3. (1) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam shall be the competent authority to approve and notify the State Government Approved Test Centre for a period of one year on fulfillment of conditions under these rules.
- (2) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam shall also be the competent authority for suspension and cancellation of such approved State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (3) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam shall be the competent authority to specify the territorial jurisdiction of each, State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (4) Any person desirous of obtaining recognition for carrying out the verification of weights and measures specified in these rules, shall make an application through the Principal Agent of the said laboratory to the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam in **Form-I**.
- (5) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam shall assign a specific code number to each State Government Approved Test Centre for easy identification and records.
- (6) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam by himself or through such other Legal Metrology Officer shall after inspecting the Test Centre and upon confirmation of condition specified under this rules approve the State Government Approved Test Centre. In case of non-fulfillment of the eligibility conditions, the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam shall reject the application and send a written communication to the applicant.
- (7) The Standard equipment of weights and measures maintained by the State GATC for verification of commercial weights and measures shall be periodically verified by the Regional Reference Standard Laboratory or Laboratory at State Legal Metrology Headquarter.
- (8) Any person aggrieved by the orders under sub-rule (6) above, may appeal to the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Department, as specified in **Form-II**.
- (9) For any legal matter, the jurisdiction of courts shall be the courts located in Guwahati only.
- (10) The Laboratory of the State Government Approved Test Centre shall have National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditation as per ISO: 17025 for the type of weights and measures proposed to be verified.
- (11) The State Government Approved Test Centre shall have to take third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover any claim for damages due to any lapses or violation of Legal Metrology Act, rules and Orders, instructions given by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam from time to time.
- (12) The Certificate of approval issued or renewed under these rules shall neither be saleable, assignable nor transferable.

- Principal Agent 4. (1) The conditions of eligibility required to be fulfilled by the principal agent (Applicant) are that he shall submit a notarized affidavit of the following, namely:—
- (a) the Principal Agent along with the employees shall be the citizens of India;
 - (b) no criminal case shall be pending against the Principal Agent or any other person working in State Government Approved Test Centre;
 - (c) the Principal Agent and the persons working in the State Government Approved Test Centre shall not have been convicted under any offence;
 - (d) the Principal Agent shall not have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which in the opinion of the Controller involves moral turpitude;
 - (e) he is not an undischarged insolvent;
 - (f) he has not been removed or dismissed from the service of the Government or a body corporate owned or controlled by the Government.
- (2) The educational qualification of the Principal Agent of the Government Approved Test Centre shall be as follows,—
- (a) he shall have a minimum qualification of a Bachelor Degree in Science with Physics as one of the subjects or Bachelor of Technology or Bachelor of Engineering Degree.
 - (b) he is able to speak, read and write the regional language of the State.
- (3) The Principal Agent of the State Government Approved Test Centre shall be required to have a work experience of at least three years in the field of Legal Metrology.
- (4) The Principal Agent shall be solely responsible for verification, issuance of verification certificate and any other activities related to State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (5) The Principal Agent of the State Government Approved Test Centre shall exercise the following responsibilities, namely,—
- (i) to establish and operate the test centre as an independent unit;
 - (ii) to ensure that the employees of the test centre carry out their duties independently;
 - (iii) to inform the Controller or such other Legal Metrology Officer, as may be authorized by him in this behalf of on cessation of operation of test Centre and surrender the Certificate of Approval within one week from the date of cessation;
 - (iv) to maintain the accuracy of testing equipment, weights and measures as per rules and directions issued from time to time;

- (v) to maintain the proper record of testing and certificates issued by the State Government Approved Test Centre;
- (vi) to record and redress grievances of customers in an appropriate manner;
- (vii) to abide by the directions issued by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam and other Government orders issued from time to time;
- (viii) to stamp and seal the weights and measures conforming to specifications prescribed under rules;
- (ix) to protect verification stamps adequately to avoid fraudulent use;
- (x) to return the weights and measures received for verification and stamping within fifteen days after due verification;
- (xi) to submit a monthly report in respect of the weights and measures verified, rejected by him, the fee collected and such other relevant information, as may be required, in the proforma specified by the Controller of Legal Metrology. The monthly report shall be submitted by the State Government Approved Test Centre, within ten days after the end of the month;
- (xii) to be liable for any loss, damage, legal claims in respect of weights and measures received for verification.

Terms and
conditions:

5. (1) The approval of a State Government Approved Test Centre shall be considered on the fulfillment of the following grounds, namely:—
- (i) availability and accessibility of suitable, sufficient land and building;
 - (ii) adequacy of weighing and measuring equipment, testing facilities and other infrastructure;
 - (iii) availability of technically qualified manpower;
 - (iv) capacity for efficient and timely service to customers;
 - (v) any other factor, which in the opinion of the Controller of Legal Metrology will affect proper functioning of the State Government Approved Test Centre;
 - (vi) the State Government Approved Test Centre shall maintain the Working Standard Weights and Measures as specified in the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011 procured from Government of India Mint.

Verification of
Weights and
Measures by
State GATC:

6. (1) A State Government Approved Test Centre shall carry out verification of Weights and Measures as per specifications and test procedures specified in the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011 or on the recommendations of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) as advised by the Director of Legal Metrology from time to time as the case may be.

- (2) The State Government Approved Test Centre shall stamp every weight or measure submitted by the user, if after verification it is satisfied that such weights and measures conform to the standard established by or under the Act with a stamp of uniform design containing the administrative number assigned by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam for administrative purpose and also issue a verification certificate through online portal in the proforma specified in the **Form-III**.
- (3) The State Government Approved Test Centre after carrying out metrological evaluation of weights and measures and on being satisfied of the conformations of the specifications shall stamp on weights and measures made of uniform design marking the year and its quarter of stamping on every verified weight or measure.
- (4) (i) The Verification mark shall contain the following particulars namely:—
 - (a) the Legend "ASM" and the code number assigned to the test centre in the upper half of semicircle.
 - (b) code letter (A, B, C, D) for the quarter of the year and two digits for the year in the lower half of semicircle.
- (ii) The mark assigned to the State Government Approved Test Centre shall contain the identification letters, ASM (Assam), the last two digits of the year in which the State Government Approved Test Centre is approved and the code number assigned to the State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (5) The State Government Approved Test Centre shall procure the required Stamps or Dies from Government of India Mint.
- (6) The modalities of issuing of online verification certificates shall be specified by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam from time to time. The State Government Approved Test Centre shall issue a separate verification certificate for every weight or measure verified by them i.e., one certificate for one instrument.
- (7) The Certificate of Verification issued by State Government Approved Test Centre shall remain valid for a period as specified in the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011 and shall be renewed for such period on payment of fee as per **Schedule I**.
- (8) (1) The State Government Approved Test Centre shall not verify any,—
 - (a) non-standard weight or measure, namely any weight or measure which does not conform to the specifications, tolerances, etc., as provided in the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011;
 - (b) any weight or measure of whose validity period of verification has lapsed and shall report such particulars of weight or measure to the concerned Legal Metrology Officer immediately;

- (c) the State Government Approved Test Centre shall not verify any weight or measure other than those, they are entitled.
- (9) Every State Government Approved Test Centre shall produce the records for inspection before the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam or any other officer authorised on this behalf by him/her for inspection as and when required.
- (10) The Test Centre shall undertake verification of weights and measures either in its authorized premises or within the territorial limits of the district where the State Government Approved Test Centre is permitted to operate.
- (11) The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam or any other authorised Legal Metrology Officer may visit the test centre as and when required to examine whether the State Government Approved Test Centre is functioning as per the procedures laid down and instructions issued
- (12) The contents of certificate of approval/renewal of state government approved test centre shall be as provided in **FORM-IV**.

Revocation,
Suspension and
Renewal of
Certificate of
GATC:

- 7. (1) A certificate of State Government Approved Test Centre (State GATC) may be revoked if the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam is satisfied that the State Government Approved Test Centre (State GATC) approved, no longer complies with the provisions specified in the rules made under the Act, or specifically violates the directions given by him from time to time:

Provided that no such certificate shall be revoked unless the holder of such certificate has been given an opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

- (2) Where the certificate of State Government Approved Test Centre has been revoked, the verification work shall be stopped by that State Government Approved Test Centre immediately:

Provided that where, on such inspection, it is found that the verification of any such weight or measure is conducted, the Controller of Legal Metrology may by order, prohibit the use of such weight or measure and initiate other appropriate penal action. Every order of revocation of certificate of approval shall be duly notified.

- (3) A certificate of State Government Approved Test Centre (State GATC) for verification of specified weights and measures may be suspended by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam in the event of the omission or failure on the part of the holder of such certificate,
 - (a) to verify the weights or measures in accordance to which the certificate relates; or
 - (b) verification not conforming to the rules or standards specified in the Act and rules made thereunder; or

- (c) not complying with the conditions specified in the certificate:

Provided that no such suspension shall be made except after giving to the holder of the certificate an opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

- (4) Where any certificate has been suspended under sub-rule (3), the order of suspension shall not be vacated unless the omission of failure for which such suspension was made, has been complied and the sum for compounding the offence has been deposited to the Government in the same form as prescribed for applying the State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (5) The approved State Government Approved Test Centre may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years at a time subsequently by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam subject to the satisfactory functioning of the centre. The format of application form for renewal of State Government Approved Test Centre shall be as provided in **Form-V**.

Fees for
applying for
State GATC of
weights and
measures to be
deposited

8. The fees for applying for State Government Approved Test Centre (State GATC) shall be as follows, namely:-
- (1) A fee of rupees two lakh (Rs. 2,00,000/-) per weight or measure shall be deposited by the applicant seeking approval for the State Government Approved Test Centre.
- (2) The fee shall be deposited either by demand draft or online payment mode or as specified by the Government.
- (3) A fee of Rupees ten thousand (Rs. 10,000/-) per weight or measure shall be payable at the time of renewal of recognition for a period of one year in respect of each equipment.

Fee for
Verification of
Weights and
Measures

9. (1) The fee to be collected by the State Government Approved Test Centre for verification or re-verification of weights and measures shall be as per **Schedule-I** of these rules.
- (2) Any weight or measure rejected on verification shall be returned to the user for necessary repair and after the repair the weight or measure may be accepted for verification on payment of verification fee afresh.

FORM-I
[see sub-rule (4) of rule 3]

Application form for obtaining Certificate of Approval of State Government Approved Test Centre

1.	Full name, complete address, E-mail ID and Phone Number with WhatsApp of the Applicant firm.	
2.	Full name, complete address, E-mail ID and Phone Number of the Principal agent.	
3.	Full Name(s) and address(es) of proprietor/Partners/Directors.	
4.	Type of weights and measures for which Government Approved Test Certificate has been applied	
5.	Details of Organizational Structure	
6.	Jurisdiction for which Applicant has applied	
7.	Qualification and Experience of Principal agent and other technical Staff	
8.	Details of the standards and other testing facilities available with the Applicant	
9.	Details of NABL accreditation certificate	
10.	Customer Complaint Number and e-mail	
11.	Have you applied previously for State GATC? If so, when & what was the result?	
To be certified by the applicant: Certified that I have read the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made there under and agree to abide by the same and also abide by the administrative orders and instructions issued or to be issued there under.		
Date:		
Place:		
All the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Name & Signature of Applicant		

Form-II

Form of Appeal

[see sub-rule (8) of rule 3]

1. Name and complete address of appellant:
2. Number and date of the Order/decision of the Controller or
any Legal Metrology Officer against which the appeal is preferred
(Enclose the copy of the order/decision):
3. Whether the appellant desires to be heard in person or through an authorized representative:
4. Grounds of appeal:

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Appellant)

FORM-III
Certificate of Verification
[see sub-rule (2) of rule 6]
(Approved by Govt. of Assam)

Name of the State GATC:
APPROVAL NUMBER:
CODE ASSIGNED:
Verification Certificate No.:
Administrative number of the State GATC:
Date: Location:

Sl. No.	Weights / Measures / Weighing / Measuring instruments	Denomination Details of Weights / Measures / weighing / measuring instruments such as Capacity / Denomination / Class / Make / instrument No / Model approval No. / K factor etc.	Verification Fee Rs.	Carriage, Conveyance, Adjusting charges etc. Rs.	Total Fee Rs. (4+5)
1	2	3	4	5	6
I hereby certify that I have this day verified and stamped / rejected the under mentioned weights, Measures, etc. belonging to Locality under the Act and Rules made thereunder. (Col No. 6) Grand Total Rs. (in words rupees only)					
Signature of Principal Agent					
Next verification is due on:					
Note: Display the Certificate in a conspicuous place of the business premises.					

FORM-IV

(See sub-rule (12) of rule 6)
GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL/RENEWAL OF STATE GOVERNMENT APPROVED TEST CENTRE

Serial No. Date:

This is to Certify that M/S (Name and Complete Address of State Government Approved Test Centre) whose Principal Agent is (Name and Complete Address of Principal Agent) has been approved/renewed as State Government Approved Test Centre for jurisdiction and the Code has been assigned to it. This certificate is given for verification of following kind.....and range of weights and measures:-

Particulars of NABL accreditation	
Details of Employees working:	
Contact number and e-mail ID for consumer grievance redressal:	
Special conditions, if any:	

This certificate is valid up to:

(Signature)
Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam

FORM-V
[see sub-rule (5) of rule 7]
Application form for renewal of Certificate of State Government Approved Test Centre

1	Full name, complete address, E-mail ID and Phone Number of the Applicant firm.	
2	Full name, complete address, E-mail ID and Phone Number of the Principal agent.	
3	Certificate number and code number of certificate of approval	
4	Full Name(s) and address(es) of proprietor/Partners/Directors.	
5	Type of weights and measures	
6	Jurisdiction for which Certificate of GATC approved	
7	Details of the standards and other testing facility available with the applicant/Centre	
8	Details of NABL accreditation certificate (Renewal Status)	
9	Date on which the applicant has submitted periodical reports within prescribed time limit.	

To be certified by the applicant:
Certified that I have read the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and Rules made there under and agree to abide by the same and also abide by the administrative orders and instructions issued or to be issued there under.
Date:
Place:

All the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name & Signature of Applicant

SCHEDULE - I

[see sub-rule (7) of rule 6 and sub-rule (1) of rule 9]

FEE PAYABLE TO STATE GATC FOR VERIFICATION OR RE-VERIFICATION

Sl. No.	Item	Verification fees (in Rs. / ₹)
1.	Water meter	(i) Rs. 250.00 for domestic water meter (ii) Rs. 1000.00 for commercial water meters (iii) Rs. 2500.00 for industrial water meters
2.	Sphygmomanometer	Rs. 100.00 per sphygmomanometer
3.	Clinical thermometer	Rs. 50.00 per clinical thermometer
4.	Automatic rail weighbridges	As per State Government fees
5.	Tape measures	(i) Class I: Rs. 2.00 per meter or part thereof (ii) Class II: Rs. 1.00 per meter or part thereof (iii) Class III: Rs. 0.50 per meter or part thereof
6.	Non-automatic weighing instruments of Accuracy Class III (upto 150kg)	(i) Rs. 2000.00 upto 10 kg (ii) Rs. 3000.00 above 10 kg and upto 150 kg
7.	Non-automatic weighing instruments of Accuracy class IIII	(i) Rs. 2000.00 upto 10 kg (ii) Rs. 3000.00 above 10 kg and upto 150 kg
8.	Load cell	(i) Rs. 2000.00 upto 5 kN (ii) Rs. 5,000.00 above 5 kN and upto 100kN
9.	Beam scale	(i) Rs. 500.00 upto 5 kg (ii) Rs. 1000.00 above 5 kg
10.	Counter machine	(i) Rs. 500.00 upto 5 kg (ii) Rs. 1000.00 above 5 kg
11.	Weights of all category	(i) Fees for E1 Class: (A) 1mg to 200g (22 pieces including rider): Rs. 15,000 (B) Assorted weights (per weight): (a) Rs. 1,000 upto 10 kg (b) Rs. 2,000 above 10 kg upto 50 kg

		(ii) Fees for E2 class weights will be one half the fees specified for E1 class weights (iii) Fees for F1 class weights will be one fourth the fees specified for E1 class weights (iv) Fees for F2 class weights will be one eighth the fees specified for E1 class weights (v) Bullion weights: (A) 1g to 500 g: Rs. 25 per weight (B) Above 500g to 10kg: Rs. 50 per weight (vi) Carat weights: Rs. 50 per weight (vii) Cylindrical knob type weight: (A) 1g to 500 g: Rs. 10 per weight (B) Above 500g to 10kg: Rs. 25 per weight (viii) Sheet metal Weight (other than Bullion): 1mg to 500 mg: Rs. 25 per weight (ix) Iron hexagonal, knob type weights and parallelepiped weight: (A) 1g to 500 g: Rs. 10 per weight (B) Above 500g to 10kg: Rs. 25 per weight (C) Above 10kg to 50kg: Rs. 50 per weight (x) Higher denomination weights: (A) Above 50 kg to 1000 kg: Rs. 1000 (B) Above 1000 kg to 5000 kg: Rs. 1500
12.	Gas meters	(i) Domestic: Rs. 500.00 (ii) Commercial: Rs. 2000.00 (iii) Industrial: Rs. 5000.00
13.	Energy meters	(i) Domestic: Rs. 1000.00 (ii) Commercial: Rs. 3000.00 (iii) Industrial: Rs. 5000.00
14.	Moisture meters	Rs. 2500.00
15.	Speed meters for vehicles	Rs. 15,000.00
16.	Breath analysers	Rs. 2500.00
17.	Multi-dimensional measuring instruments	Rs. 3600.00
18.	Flow meters	(i) Upto 100 mm: Rs. 5000.00 (ii) Above 100 mm: Rs. 5000.00 + Rs.

		1000.00 for every 25 mm
19.	Petrol / diesel dispenser	Rs. 5,000.00 each nozzle
20.	CNG dispenser	Rs. 10,000.00 each nozzle
21.	LPG dispenser	Rs. 10,000.00 each nozzle
22.	LNG dispenser	Rs. 10,000.00 each nozzle
23.	Hydrogen dispenser	Rs. 10,000.00 each nozzle

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