



LICENSING DIRECTIVE PW12/03 – APRIL 2012

TRADE WEIGHBRIDGE APPROACH REQUIREMENTS

All weighbridges used for trade (including those made available as a public weighbridge) are required to have approaches that comply with Regulation 3.4 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009 (Cth). This Regulation allows for approval to be sought where the:

- surface of the approaches are made from a material other than concrete; and
- perimeters of the approaches are clearly indicated by a means other than painted marks.

Please note that Regulation 3.4 prescribes additional requirements for approaches in terms of minimum length, level requirements and drainage. There is no provision to seek approval for alternatives to these requirements.

Trade measurement inspectors may audit weighbridges, without prior warning, to determine if the weighbridge complies with the Regulations.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE APPROACH MATERIALS

The preferred material for the surface of approaches for a trade weighbridge is concrete. Owners of trade weighbridges where the surface of the approaches is not concrete are required to seek approval to use an alternative material.

Owners are required to complete application Form H and provide an engineer's report demonstrating the material of the approaches are:

- hard, true and durable; and
- capable of maintaining the requirements of Regulation 3.4.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE INDICATIONS OF APPROACH PERIMETER

The preferred manner for clearly indicating the perimeter of the approaches is by painted marks. Owners of trade weighbridges with the perimeters of the approaches indicated in an alternative manner are required to seek approval for the alternative indicating manner. Examples of such alternatives are bollards, barricades or raised pavement markings.

Owners are required to complete application Form H and provide a description of how the perimeters of the approaches are indicated. A colour photograph clearly depicting the manner in which the perimeters are identified is also required to be provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact tmlicensees@measurement.gov.au or 1300 686 664 (option 2).

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