

The store is conducting and recording tare weight checks on all packaging types at least monthly and/or performing net weight checks for in-store pre-packaged products?

It is an offence to include some or all of the packaging in the net weight of goods sold.

Items sold by weight either pre-packaged in-store or serviced from the Delicatessen require the tare weight to be deducted from the final sale price. This is usually achieved by having the tare weight of the packaging set against the items PLU in the back office system.

Monthly checks of these tare weights is recommended as changes do occur to packaging weights from time to time, by change of supplier, change in production etc. It is the stores responsibility to monitor these weights for compliance to NMI Legislation.

NOTE: When determining the tare weight, take into account only the packaging placed on the scale e.g. In Deli, salad tubs are weighed & priced before placing lid on, therefore, tare weight would be the tub without the lid; In the Meat department, the weight of the tray and any film is checked as the full pack is generally placed on the scale for pricing.

The Net Weight Check (Weights and Measures Check) is completed on products which have been packed in-store to ensure that there is sufficient tare weight deducted from the label weight. This check is often completed daily/weekly across a range of in-store packed goods offered for sale. Often an items initial tare weight may be correct at the time of packing however over the shelf life of a product dehydration may render the product non-compliant.

The Trade Measurement Audit checks a sample selection of products which have been packed in-store to ensure a level of compliance that the store is not selling short weight items.

Section 11.21 - Stock Audit & Trade Measurement Checks

Monitoring Records: 18.11a - Monthly System PLU Tare Weight Checks & 18.11b In-store Packed Net Weight Checks

Do our packaging standards weigh up?

The weight of goods sold must **not** include the weight of any packaging or wrappings. It is an offence under the trade measurement legislation to include the weight (tare) of any packaging or wrappings when selling packages by weight.

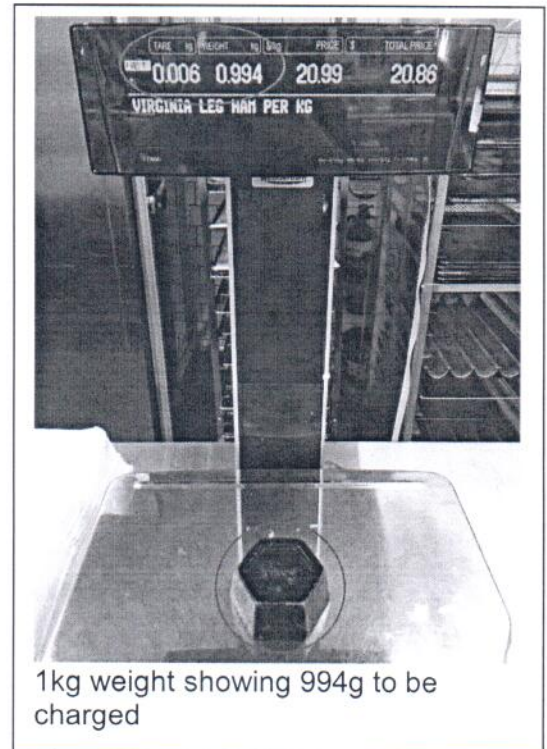
Packaging includes any form of packaging such as plastic/paper bags for fruit/vegetables; plastic tubs and trays /deli-wrap for delicatessen products; trays, film seals, marketing promotional labels and soaker pads in the trays for meat pre-packages etc.

Taring can be done in 4 ways:

1. Daily at start of day (e.g. if only one type of packaging is consistently used on the scales); or,
2. Automatically via a tare pre-loaded into a PLU number; or,
3. Packages are tared by the operator pressing a hot key/fast key on the scale for e.g. paper/small tub/medium tub/large tub/tray for each weighing operation; or,
4. Manual tare i.e. placing the packaging onto the scale and before product is actually weighed on it.

Manual Tare Procedure for packaging (e.g. Deli-wrap/container/foam tray):

1. Place packaging on the scale.
2. Press the tare button on the scale to zero out the weight of the packaging.
3. This has set the scale to a minus or negative weight if the packaging is removed and confirms the packaging weight has been removed.
4. Then when weighing the slices of meat etc, the packaging weight has been accounted for in the final net weight of goods being sold.



Note: Package weight differences for the same PLU

Quite often the store will use just one PLU for a product, but this product may be packed in many container sizes e.g. small, medium or large tubs or Meat Trays. If you use one PLU for these differing container/tray sizes and tare weights, then you must use the heaviest tare weight loaded in to the PLU.

Checkouts Tare Procedure

Most front-of-end POS/scales are now capable of automatically deducting the tare of plastic bags or paper bags used for fruit and vegetables via the produce PLU. Plastic bags weigh from 2g to 5g, and paper bags (quite often used for packaging mushrooms) weigh from 5g to 8g.

You must ensure the correct tare is entered for each PLU through the back-office POS system.



MGR SIGN: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Refer to document 11.21 (3) - **Stock Audit & Trade Measurement Checks** for guidance. Report any errors to the Department Manager.
2. All types of packaging systems used in-store must be checked monthly against system PLU set tare weights to ensure compliance to NMI Trade Measurement Laws.
3. Store Manager to sign this document monthly and retain for 12 months.

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18.11b – IN-STORE PACKED NET WEIGHT CHECKS

Department: _____ Date: _____ MGR SIGN: _____

Product	Label Weight (g)	Gross Weight (g)	Difference (g)	Corrective Actions
E.g. Beef Rump Steak	546	544	-2	Product removed, other packs checked, shortweight products relabelled, PLU tare adjusted
E.g Beef Rump Steak	488	500	12	
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2.				
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6.				

Date: _____ MGR SIGN: _____

Product	Label Weight (g)	Gross Weight (g)	Difference (g)	Corrective Actions
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Refer to document 11.21(4) - Stock Audit & Trade Measurement Checks for guidance.

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