

**SMA Positions on the  
NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee Report  
For the NCWM Interim Meeting, Jan 2026  
Developed November 5, 2025**

**SCL - SCALES CODE**

**SCL-24.2     D   Multiple Sections Regarding Tare**

**Position:** The SMA opposes this item and recommends it be withdrawn.

**Rationale:** The SMA does not feel there is confusion to warrant the change.

**SCL-22.2     A   UR.3.1. X. Required Minimum for Cannabis Products**

**Position:** The SMA supports the latest version and recommends this as a voting item.

**SCL-25.1     I   S.5.2., S.6., and UR.3.1.**

**Position:** The SMA believes the recommended minimum load should be based on “e” not “d”. If this change is made, the SMA supports this and would recommend it as a voting item.

**Rationale:** Using d for the minimum capacity allows a much smaller minimum load, which results in a much larger relative error.

**SCL-25.3     D   UR.3.14. Zero-Balance Recorded Weight for Forklift Scales**

**Position:** The SMA opposes this item and recommends it be withdrawn.

**Rationale:**

- The SMA feels S.1.13 and UR 4.1 already require the zero and weight to be accurate or inhibit the weighing operation.
- The terms “recording zero” and “prior to” are too vague.
- This item is creating a precedent for other onboard weightment systems and potentially all weight transactions to require the recording of zero and weight.

## **MDM – MULTIPLE DIMENSION MEASURING DEVICES**

### **MDM-25.1 I A.2. Other Devices Designed to Make Multiple Measurement Automatically to Determine Volume**

**Position:** The SMA feels this item should remain Developing.

**Rationale:** The SMA feels it is missing many items such as a reference to specific allowable commodities from handbook 130, out of measurement zone, direction (one way/both ways), out of level, and operator notifications of an error condition.

### **MDM-26.1 S.1.5.2. Devices Capable of Measuring Irregularly Shaped Objects**

**Position:** SMA supports this item and recommends it as a voting item.

## **OTH – OTHER ITEMS**

### **OTH-25.1 2.26 Weigh-in-Motion Systems Used for Vehicle Direct Enforcement**

**Position:** The SMA opposes this item, and recommends it be withdrawn.

### **OTH-26.2 Appendix D Definitions – scale division, value of (d).**

**Position:** The SMA supports this item and recommends it as a voting item.

## **ITEM BLOCK 3 (B3) – METHOD OF SEALING, CATEGORY 3**

**Position:** The SMA supports this as a voting item with the addition of the corresponding sections from the 2.20 Scales code, 2.21 Belt-Conveyor Scale Systems code, 2.24 Automatic Weighing Systems code, and 5.58 MDMD code.

**Scales** – Table S.1.11 Category 3 Methods of Sealing

**Belt-Conveyor Scale Systems**– Table S.6 Category 3 Methods of Sealing

**Automatic Weighing** – Table S.1.3 Category 3 Methods of Sealing

**MDMD – Table S.1.11 Category 3 Methods of Sealing**

For all four of the above additional sections, the changes would be as below:

An event logger is required in the device; it must include an event counter (000 to 999), the parameter ID, the date and time of the change, and the new value of the parameter. ~~A printed copy of the information must be available through the device or through another on-site device.~~ The event logger information may be provided electronically in lieu of or in addition to a hard copy at the time of inspection, provided the event logger information is retained in the system for future reference. The event logger shall have a capacity to retain records equal to 10 times the number of sealable parameters in the device, but not more than 1000 records are required. (**Note:** Does not require 1000 changes to be stored for each parameter.)