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# METROLOGY ACT 2015

The legislation came into effect on 14 March 2016,  
and all commercial engagements are required  
to use **METRIC UNITS** such as:

Unit	Imperial (NO LONGER USED) ❌	Metric (REQUIRED) ✅
Time	<del>seconds, minute, hour</del>	seconds, minute, hour
Length/Distance	<del>inches, foot, yard, mile</del>	millimetre, centimetre, meter, kilometer
Volume/Area	<del>square inch, square yard, acre, square mile, cubic inch, cubic foot</del>	square centimetre, square meter, hectare, square kilometre, cubic centimetre, cubic meter
Mass	<del>grain, dram, stones, ounces, pounds</del>	milligram, centigram, decigram, gram, kilo gram
Capacity/Volume	<del>fluid ounce, pint, quart, gallon</del>	millilitre, centilitre, decilitre, litre



## OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW LEGISLATION:

- ✅ To ensure the use of accurate and internationally prescribed measuring standards for weighing and measuring equipment in trade.
- ✅ Encourage fair trade practices and consumer protection in order to enhance the social and economic development of Samoa.



## YOU AS A CONSUMER

must be aware of your protection from any of the following:

- ✅ Short weight, length, area, distance and volume of a product
- ✅ Inaccurate measurement of a product
- ✅ Trader refuses to display the scale when weighing your product
- ✅ No labeling written on the product
- ✅ You are entitled to see the measurement of any goods weighed or measured at the time of purchase.



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