

**DIRECTIVE**

TO : FIELD OFFICERS  
FROM : GLEN JEX *Jex*  
DATE : NOVEMBER 24, 1989  
SUBJECT : AXLE-LOAD SCALES

In view of the compromise agreement reached with the Department of Transportation concerning gross weights, omit the notation "For axle weighing only" on all future test reports for the ports of entry axle-load scales.

Inspect, test, approve, or reject these scales in the same manner as other commercial devices.

We will continue to make courtesy checks of Department of Transportation wheel-load weighers on request but will neither approve nor reject these portable devices. Do not place seals of approval on portable wheel-load weighers.

Stated again, the Bureau of Weights and Measures has the following position on the establishment of gross weights for law enforcement purposes:

If a trucker is cited for being over gross weight when axle weights are added together at a weigh station, he should be given the option of going to a full-length certified scale to re-weigh (as a single draft) and the lower of the two gross weights, if there is a difference, should be accepted as final. If the driver chooses not to make this comparison weighment, then the gross weight established from the axle-load scale or wheel-load weighers may be considered adequate for the citation.

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