

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 2, 1990
To: All Interested Parties
From: Glen H. Jex, Chief
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Subject: Scales Used in Recycling Collection Stations

Scales used to purchase recyclable materials must meet the specifications and tolerances set forth in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44, and must also comply with suitability of equipment, scale division size and minimum load requirements.

Digital scale indicators shall have divisions no larger than 0.10 pounds.

Analog scale division size will be determined by the Handbook 44 minimum load requirement, i.e., loads no smaller than 20 scale divisions may be weighed. For example, if a scale has 8 ounce divisions, the smallest load allowed to be weighed on this scale would be 10 pounds. Lighter loads would have to be weighed on a scale with smaller scale divisions.

Equipment that has currently been approved may continue to be used commercially, but when purchasing new equipment or replacing existing scales, the requirements outlined above must be met.