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All Scale Owners

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Scale Weighbeam Balance Balls.

Effective January 1, 1980, rotatable balance balls will not be allowed. "A balance ball shall not itself be rotatable." National Bureau of Standards Handbook 44 - S.2.1.2.

EXPLANATION

It has long been recognized that a rotatable balance ball on a beam scale can very easily be manipulated fraudulently. therefor, in 1956, the National Bureau of Standards established a code that prohibited the manufacture and installation of scales with rotatable balance balls, and to be effective for all beam scales, January, 1976.

We, Idaho Weights and Measures, recognize that many of the older scales presently in use do not comply with the above codes. We feel it only fair to give the additional time to bring all such scales into compliance.