

THE METROLOGY BILL, 2017

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill are to—

- (a) continue the existence of the Zambia Weights and Measures Agency, rename it as the Zambia Metrology Agency and re-define its functions;
- (b) establish the Board of the Agency and provide for its functions;
- (c) provide for the designation, keeping and maintenance of national measurement standards;
- (d) provide for the use of measurement units of the International System of Units and other units;
- (e) provide for consumer protection, health, safety and environmental management through legal metrology measures;
- (f) repeal the Weights and Measures Act, 1994; and
- (g) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Metrology Act, 2017, and shall
5 come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by
statutory instrument.

Short title
and
commence-
ment

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

10 “accreditation” means a third party attestation related to a
conformity assessment body conveying formal
demonstration of its competence to carry out specific
conformity assessment tasks;

“AFRIMETS” means the Intra-Africa Metrology System
established in 2006;

15 “Agency” means the Zambia Metrology Agency referred to
in section 3;

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