



UPDATE ON IMPORTANT REGULATION CHANGES

THE IMMINENT PUBLICATION OF SANAS 1649

TESTING TO FULL CAPACITY USING 50% CALIBRATED WEIGHTS

The NRCS has advised Sasco that the relevant formal regulations, being SANS 1649, should be published by the end of September 2011.

SANS 1649 will require that weighing equipment is tested to full capacity using not less than 50% calibrated weights.

The date on which this legislation will become effective is not clear but Sasco is anticipating a window period of between 9-12 months from publication.

The practical implications on the number of test trucks that will be required to verify 60 ton and 80 ton weighbridges are summarised below.

CALIBRATED WEIGHTS CARRIED PER TEST TRUCK	16T	20T	16T	20T
CUSTOMER TO PROVIDE MAKE UP WEIGHTS	YES	YES	NO	NO
NUMBER TEST TRUCKS REQUIRED : 80T BRIDGE	3	2	4	3
NUMBER TEST TRUCKS REQUIRED: 60T BRIDGE	2	2	3	2

Sasco presently has a fleet of 13 test trucks all of which are already carrying either 20T of calibrated weights or 20T of make up weights.

Sasco will therefore be required during the window period to invest in 100T of additional calibrated 1T weights so that all units will be carrying 20T of calibrated weights at all times.

Sasco is fully committed to make this additional investment. and Sasco's Metrology Department will distribute full details of the new regulations as soon as they are formally published.