

Bulk Tare Testing

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 [ATCP 91.02\(4\)](#)

Background

Wis. Admin. Code § 91.02(4) The weight of a bulk or unpackaged commodity sold by weight may not include the weight of the containers or wrappers, if any, in which those commodities are sold.

Procedure (see attached WinWam report examples)

1. Apply Wis. Admin. Code § 91.02 (4) to your inspection.
2. Identify yourself to the store manager.
3. Request the PLU's for all point of sale bulk weighed items that you will be testing.
4. Test bulk store weighed items that are weighed at the checkout registers at the time of sale. Collect an initial tare sample of two for each PLU (weigh each tare sample on the inspectors scale), if tare samples vary in weight by more than one division collect ten additional tare samples. Average the tare weights and record in the tare weight column.
5. Use a 1 lb. standard test weight. Enter 1 lb in the Gross Weight column of your test report.
6. Complete a separate inspection random pack report for each PLU tested that failed and one detailed inspection report for products that pass inspection and note item descriptions in notes section.
7. Select an attended checkout register, and have the clerk enter the PLU's. Place the 1 lb. standard test weight on the scale and record the results. **Do not allow the clerk to manually enter the tare weight unless it is their standard operating procedure.**
8. Obtain the register receipt and enter the net weights recorded on the receipt in the labeled weight column of your report.
9. Evaluation of results: if the scale is in .01 lb divisions, negative weight errors ≥ 0.006 lb for a bulk weighed commodity result in failure of the store to take appropriate tare for the bulk product PLU. (NOTE* When using the WinWam package program to record results the label fail box must be checked in order to change the results from pass to fail).
10. Review results of inspection with store manager/personnel and require immediate correction of stored tares on failed PLU's.

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Package Checking Detail

Insp Date: 5/23/2007 Business ID: 18847 Inspection: SM020000
 Business: DATCP (PROGRAM TEST ACCOUNT) Store #:
 2811 AGRICULTURAL DR Phone: 608-224-4952
 MADISON, WI 53708 Inspector: 118 Shelly Miller
 Reason: Normal

Commodity: Coffee (bulk) Comm Class: Coffee / Tea Distrib: DATCP Store weighed
 Brand: Camerons Lot Code: PLU 4967
 Units: lb Lot Size: 1
 Cost: \$8.49/lb Avg Tare: 0.032
 Pkg Type: Rnd Insp Cat/MAV: A/Normal

Test	Gross Wt	Tare	Net Wt	Labeled Wt	Error	MAV	Cost Err	% Err
1	1.000	0.032	0.968	1.000	-0.032	0.044	(\$0.27)	-3.2%

Results: Label Fail Average Error: -0.032 lb Lot Cost Error: (\$0.27)
 # MAV Failures: 0 SEL: 0.0000 StdDev: 0.0000

Notes:

tare 1 = .032 lb
 tare 2 = .032 lb

Average tare = .032 lb

 Official

 Acknowledged Receipt