

Issuance of Vehicle Scale Permits: Scales Less Than 35 Feet Long

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 [NIST Handbook 44](#)
Sec. 2.20 Scales –
UR.3.3., General Code
G-UR.1.1.

Background

Some companies have installed vehicle scales at locations where most of the vehicles weighed exceed the scale length. Once a scale is properly installed in accordance with ATCP 92, and the scale cannot provide single draft weighing of the vehicles to be weighed, implementing corrective measures becomes more difficult and time consuming to the Department and costly to the business.

Section UR.3.3. of the scale code in NIST HB 44 requires single draft weighing of commercial loads when the loads are weighed on vehicle scales. Despite this requirement, a prospective scale buyer might, for reasons of economy, space restrictions, or other reasons, consider the purchase of a scale which is not long enough to accommodate vehicles which will be routinely weighed.

Procedure

When a scale permit application is received by the Department, the length of the deck should be noted. In instances where the deck length is 35 feet or less, the application should be sent to the inspector in whose area the scale is located. The inspector should meet with the prospective buyer to discuss the intended use of the scale. If the inspector determines there is a high probability that the use of the scale would routinely require multiple draft weighing, the inspector should clearly inform the buyer of the provisions of Sec. UR.3.3. and inform the buyer that the operation of the scale will be monitored after it is put into service to determine if such use is in compliance with this section and with the suitability clause of G-UR.1.1. The inspector should make a recommendation to the Department as to whether the permit should be issued.