

Law Enforcement Use of Licensed Vehicle Scales

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 [NIST Handbook 44 Sec. 2.20, UR.3.3. – Single-Draft Vehicle Weighing](#)

Background

Recently an issue was raised as to the legality of using a private commercial vehicle scale for use by the Department of Transportation (DOT) vehicle carrier inspectors for the purpose of enforcing highway weight limits.

DATCP – Weights and Measures is responsible for the accuracy and correctness of all commercial vehicle scales and all DOT highway law enforcement axle scales.

Information

Licensed commercial vehicles scales and DOT enforcement scales are tested for accuracy by DATCP - Weights and Measures or a private Service Company. The tests only verify the accuracy of the scale for Single-Draft Weighing in accordance with NIST HB 44 UR.3.3.