

Item 231-1 Updated Item

The Revised Text appears on the following pages:

6.4. Terms: Weight, Measure, Volume, or Count. – The declaration of the quantity of a particular commodity shall be expressed in terms of: **shall be in terms of Table 6.4:**

- (a) ~~weight if the commodity is solid, semisolid, viscous, or a mixture of solid and liquid;~~
- (b) ~~volume measure if the commodity is liquid or dry, if the commodity is dry;~~
- (c) ~~linear measure or area; or~~
- (d) ~~numerical count.~~

<u>Table 6.4.</u> <u>Weight, Measure, Volume, or Count</u>	
<u>If the commodity is:</u>	<u>The declaration of the quantity of a particular commodity shall be expressed in terms of:</u>
<u>solid, semisolid, viscous or a mixture of solid and liquid</u>	<u>weight or mass</u>
<u>liquid</u>	<u>fluid volume measure</u>
<u>dry</u>	<u>dry measure</u>
<u>linear measure or area</u>	<u>linear measure or area</u>
<u>numerical units</u>	<u>numerical count</u>

However, if there exists a firmly established general consumer usage and trade custom with respect to the terms used in expressing a declaration of quantity of a particular commodity, such a declaration of quantity may be expressed in its traditional terms, provided such traditional declaration gives accurate and adequate information as to the quantity of the commodity. Any net content statement that does not permit price and quantity comparisons is forbidden.

(Amended 1989)

6.5. SI Units: Mass, Measure. ^[NOTE 3, page xx] – A declaration of quantity shall be in terms of Table 6.5 and the requirements below:

Table 6.5 SI Units: Mass, Measure	
<u>If a declaration of quantity is in units of:</u>	<u>The units shall be in:</u>
<u>Mass</u>	<u>kilogram, gram or milligram</u>
<u>liquid measure</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>liter or milliliter and shall express the volume at 20 °C, except for :</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>petroleum products or distilled spirits for which the declaration shall express the volume at 15.6 °C, and</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>a commodity that is normally sold and consumed while frozen , for which the declaration shall express the volume at the frozen temperature, and</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>malt beverages or a commodity that must be maintained in the refrigerated state, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 4 °C.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(Amended 1985, 1990)</u></p>
<u>linear measure</u>	<u>meter, centimeter, or millimeter</u>
<u>area measure</u>	<u>square meter, square decimeter , square centimeter, or square millimeter</u>
<u>volume other than liquid measure</u>	<u>liter or milliliter, except that units cubic meter and cubic centimeter shall be used only when specifically designated as a method of sale</u>

(a) in units of mass shall be the kilogram, gram, or milligram;

(b) in units of liquid measure shall be the liter or milliliter and shall express the volume at 20 °C, except in the case of petroleum products or distilled spirits, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 15.6 °C, and except also in the case of a commodity that is normally sold and consumed while frozen, for which the declaration shall express the volume at the frozen temperature, and except also in the case of malt beverages or a commodity that must be maintained in the refrigerated state, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 4 °C;

(Amended 1985 and 1990)

~~(c) in units of linear measure shall be the meter, centimeter, or millimeter;~~

~~(d) in units of area measure shall be the square meter, square decimeters, square centimeter, or square millimeter;~~

~~(e) in units of volume other than liquid measure shall be the liter and milliliter, except that the units cubic meter and cubic centimeter shall be used only when specifically designated as a method of sale;~~

(f) **(a)** Rule of 1000. – The selected multiple or submultiple prefixes for SI units shall result in numerical values between 1 and 1000. This rule allows centimeters or millimeters to be used where a length declaration is less than 100 centimeters.

Examples:

500 g, not 0.5 kg;

1.96 kg, not 1960 g;

750 mL, not 0.75 L; or

750 mm or 75 cm, not 0.75 m

(Added 1993)

~~(g)~~ **(b)** SI declarations should be shown in three digits except where the quantity is below 100 grams, milliliters, centimeters, square centimeters, or cubic centimeters, where it may be shown in two digits. In either case, any final zero appearing to the right of the decimal point need not be shown; and

(Added 1993)

~~(h)~~ **(c)** the declaration of net quantity of contents shall not be expressed in mixed units.

Example:

1.5 kg, not 1 kg 500 g.

(Added 1993)

6.7. ~~Inch-Pound~~ United States (U.S.) Customary Units: Weight, Measure. – A declaration of quantity shall be in terms of Table 6.7:

~~(a) in units of weight shall be in terms of the avoirdupois pound or ounce;~~

~~(b) in units of liquid measure shall be in terms of the United States gallon of 231 in³ or liquid quart, liquid pint, or fluid ounce subdivisions of the gallon and shall express the volume at 68 °F, except in the case of petroleum products and distilled spirits, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 60 °F, and except also in the case of a commodity that is normally sold and consumed while frozen, for which the declaration shall express the volume at the frozen temperature, and except also in the case of a commodity that must be maintained in the refrigerated state, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 40 °F, and except also in the case of malt beverages, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 39.1 °F;~~

~~(Amended 1985 and 1990)~~

- (c) in units of linear measure shall be in terms of the yard, foot, or inch;
- (d) in units of area measure shall be in terms of the square yard, square foot, or square inch;
- (e) in units of volume measure shall be in terms of the cubic yard, cubic foot, or cubic inch; and
- (f) in units of dry measure shall be in terms of the United States bushel of 2150.42 in³, or peck, dry quart, and dry pint subdivisions of the bushel.

Table 6.7. U.S. Customary Units: Weight, Measure	
<u>If a declaration of quantity is in units of:</u>	<u>The units shall be in:</u>
<u>Weight</u>	<u>avoirdupois pound or ounce</u>
<u>liquid measure</u>	<p><u>U.S. Customary gallon of 231 cubic inches or liquid-quart, liquid-pint or fluid ounce subdivisions of the gallon and shall express the volume at 68 °F except for:</u></p> <p><u>petroleum products or distilled spirits for which the declaration shall express the volume at 60 °F, and</u></p> <p><u>a commodity that is normally sold and consumed while frozen, for which the declaration shall express the volume at the frozen temperature, and</u></p> <p><u>a commodity that must be maintained in the refrigerated state, for which the declaration shall express the volume at 40 °F, and</u></p> <p><u>malt beverages for which the declaration shall express the volume at 39.1 °F.</u></p> <p><u>(Amended 1985, 1990)</u></p>
<u>linear measure</u>	<u>yard, foot, or inch</u>
<u>area measure</u>	<u>square yard, square foot, or square inch</u>
<u>volume measure</u>	<u>cubic yard, cubic foot, cubic inch</u>
<u>dry measure</u>	<u>U.S. Customary bushel of 2,150.42 cubic inches or peck, dry-quart, and dry-pint subdivisions of U.S. bushel</u>