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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

Subject: California Type Approvals

Currently, California recognizes National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Certificates of Conformance by reissuing a copy of the certificate with California approval numbers added. To improve efficiency and reduce administrative time, the Division will no longer reissue Certificates of Conformance, which are based on tests done by other participating NTEP jurisdictions. These Certificates of Conformance are accepted in California based on provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 12500.8, unless revoked or withdrawn by NTEP or by the Department.

The Division will continue to issue California Certificates of Approval for **all** devices successfully evaluated by our staff. For devices covered only by NTEP certificates, databases can currently be accessed and certificates can be downloaded from the following Internet addresses:

- <http://ntep.nist.gov/ntep/navigation.htm> – This site lists approved devices where the manufacturer does not renew their “current” NTEP status.
- <http://www.ncwm.net/navigation.html> – This site lists certificates, which are renewed annually by the manufacturer.

Certificates of Conformance listed at either site remain valid under the provisions of California law unless withdrawn or revoked by the National Conference on Weights and Measures or by the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

California approvals and revoked/withdrawn approvals, including California revocation of NTEP issued certificates, will continue to be mailed, until they can be posted on the DMS web site.

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Counties who wish to continue receiving all newly issued NTEP certificates can request that the National Conference on Weights and Measures (lbernetich@mgmtsol.com) add them to their e-mail listing for monthly updates.

If you have comments or questions, please contact Ken Lake (klake@cdfa.ca.gov) at (916) 229-3050.

Sincerely,

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