

Response Paper

Sampling and Test Procedures for
Prepackaged Products

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Introduction

This response paper provides outcomes and responses following the consultation conducted in October/November 2020 on the revision of the Sampling and Test Procedures for Prepackaged Products. The consultation sought feedback on the revised draft which included several key amendments including:

- incorporating new test methods for linear and area measurement;
- expanding the range of products for volumetric measurement tests;
- allowing flexibility in recording test results; and
- amendments to enhance clarity of test procedures and facilitate internal consistency.

The consultation is available here:

<https://consult.industry.gov.au/national-measurement-institute/sampling-and-test-procedures-prepackaged-products/>

The Outcomes

The Chief Metrologist has determined the revised document as the Sampling and Test Procedures for Prepackaged Products – First edition, third revision. The new version of the Sampling and Test Procedures for Prepackaged Products is available from the Department of Industry website here:

<https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/test-procedures>

Rationale

NMI received 3 submissions (2 of those confidential). NMI analysed all feedback received and notes the following key points:

- The revised procedure now incorporates new methods and test reports for prepackaged products marked by reference to linear or area measurement.
- Flexibility applied with respect to recording details and test results of control instruments.

NMI considers the outcomes provide for a more flexible test procedure, incorporating test methods sufficient to determine the net measurement of the various prepackaged products, imported, packed, offered for sale and/or sold to ensure compliance with the requirements of trade measurement legislation.