

83-404. Inspection required; dispensing device not tested and approved taken out of service; exemptions; report of results; withdrawal of inaccurate dispensing device from use; notification of secretary; reports required to be kept by service companies. (a)

The owner or operator of a dispensing device which is used for commercial purposes shall have such device tested and inspected at least once within every 18-month period. The test shall be conducted by either an authorized representative of any city or county which has established a department of public inspection of weights and measures pursuant to K.S.A. 83-210, and amendments thereto, or by the secretary, which inspects such dispensing devices in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. If upon inspection by the secretary, it is found that the dispensing device has not been tested and inspected for accuracy and approved within the preceding 18 months, the secretary shall take the dispensing device out of service pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 83-215, and amendments thereto. The test weights and measures used by the service company shall have been approved and sealed by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 83-214, and amendments thereto, every 365 days. Except at the option of the city or county which has an established department of public inspection of weights and measures, annual tests and inspections shall be at the expense of the owner or operator. In any city or county which has a department of public inspection of weights and measures which annually inspects such dispensing devices, the tests may be conducted by an authorized representative of such city or county weights and measures department. Farmers or ranchers who own and operate a dispensing device used in private treaty transactions are exempt from the annual testing requirements.

(b) The city or county department of public inspection of weights and measures or the secretary which conducts tests pursuant to this section, at the time of testing and inspection, shall promptly furnish to the owner or operator a report showing the results of the tests and inspection. Such reports shall also be sent to the secretary, as required by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, however, no report shall be furnished later than 10 days after the test or inspection of such device has occurred.

(c) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 83-215, and amendments thereto, the owner and operator of a dispensing device which is found to be inaccurate at the time of testing shall withdraw immediately the device from further use until the necessary corrections, adjustments or repairs are made and the device is determined to be accurate by a service company or the city or county weights and measures department or an authorized representative of the secretary. The devices which have been repaired or serviced shall meet the tolerances and specifications adopted by the secretary by rules and regulations. The service company or the city or county shall notify the secretary of any devices which are found not to comply with such tolerances and specifications and those which are not able to be serviced or repaired so as to comply with such tolerances and specifications. The service company shall report to the secretary within the time frames and in a manner established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of any dispensing device which has been installed, repaired, calibrated or fails to comply with the required tolerances and specifications.

(d) Each service company shall be required to keep at such company's corporate headquarters or at such company's resident agent's office a copy of all reports regarding the installation, repair, calibration and other work the service company or the technical representatives employed by the service company performed on the commercial dispensing devices. Such reports shall be legible and maintained in an accessible manner and for a period of time as established by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations. The owner or operator of a dispensing device shall also be required to retain copies of all reports regarding installation, repair or adjustment or any of the aforementioned done to the dispensing device at the site where the dispensing device is used. Such reports shall be legible and maintained in an accessible manner and for a period of time as established by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations.

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