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Firewood

Guide To The Sale Of Firewood And Kindling In Bags

The sale of firewood and kindling in bags at service stations and other outlets is now common practice. The sale of firewood by measurement (for example, by mass or volume) is regulated by the Trade Measurement Act 1999 and the following requirements should be complied with, regarding sale of bags of firewood and kindling.

1. Where firewood is sold by measurement, the purchaser must be readily able to see the measurement process. If the measurement is not made in the presence of the purchaser then an invoice or delivery note must be handed to the purchaser at the time of delivery.
2. In a situation such as the sale of bags of kindling or packaged firewood on a service stations forecourt, the firewood becomes a prepacked article.
3. As a prepacked article a bag of firewood or kindling must have a ticket or label stating the net measurement of the contents and the name and address of the person responsible for the packing.

Breaches of the Trade Measurement Act may lead to action being taken and result in penalties of up to \$20,000 for individuals convicted of offences. The operators of service stations or other outlets should be aware of the above requirements as they are 'the seller' as defined in the Act.

