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(b) not more than five persons appointed on account of their scientific or technical knowledge or commercial or industrial experience; and

(c) the Deputy Director of Trade Metrology mentioned in section 2 (2), who shall be the vice-chairman.

(3) When for any reason the chairman is not able to perform his functions as chairman, the vice-chairman shall act as chairman.

(4) The meetings of the committee shall be held at such times and places as the chairman may determine.

(5) The person presiding at a meeting of the committee shall determine the procedure at such meeting.

(6) A member of the committee contemplated in subsection (2) (b) shall hold office for such period, but not exceeding three years, and on such conditions as the Minister may determine.

(7) A member of the committee may at the expiry of his term of office by effluxion of time, be reappointed.

(8) The members of the committee who are not in the full-time employment of the State, shall receive such remuneration and allowances as the Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, may determine from time to time.

[S. 6 substituted by s. 6 of Act 15 of 1990.]

7 Carrying out of functions may be assigned to statutory bodies or accredited laboratories

(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the SABS Council, assign in writing to any statutory body or provincial government the carrying out, subject to such conditions and requirements as may be prescribed by regulation, of any function specified in this Act.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 2 of Act 58 of 1996.]

(2) The SABS Council may in writing, on the recommendation of the director, designate any accredited laboratory to verify all measuring instruments or any particular kind of measuring instrument in respect of which such laboratory is accredited.

[S. 7 substituted by s. 7 of Act 15 of 1990 and by s. 5 of Act 17 of 1993.]

CHAPTER II

STANDARDS (ss 8–11B)

8 Departmental standards

(1) The director shall keep in his custody such measuring standards (in this Act referred to as departmental standards) as may be necessary for the purpose of verifying the regional standards.

(2) The value of a departmental standard shall as accurately as possible represent the value signified by its denomination.

(3) A departmental standard shall, in regard to accuracy, be verified and certified in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research referred to in section 2 of the Scientific Research Council Act, 1962 (Act 32 of 1962), and shall be reverified and so certified by the said Council at intervals not exceeding five years.

(4) The said Council for Scientific and Industrial Research shall render such further assistance in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of this Chapter as the Minister may from time to time request of it.

9 Regional standards

(1) The director shall cause to be kept at every regional office of metrology under his jurisdiction in the custody of the inspector in charge of such office, such measuring standards (in this Act referred to as regional standards) as he may deem necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The value of any regional standard shall, with due allowance for such limits of error as may be prescribed by regulation, agree with the value signified by the denomination of such regional standard at the time of verification thereof, and the director shall cause such regional standard to be so verified and certified before being taken into use and thereafter at intervals not exceeding two years: Provided that regional standards of volume made of glass and regional standards relating to length, shall be reverified and certified at such intervals as the director may deem fit.

(3) For the purposes of this Act 'regional office of metrology' means any such office established for the purposes of the administration of this Act in any area which the director determines to be a region.

10 Inspection standards

(1) The director shall provide for use by any inspector such measuring standards (in this Act referred to as inspection standards) as may in the opinion of the director be required by such inspector for the purposes of carrying out his duties and functions under this Act.

(2) The value of an inspection standard shall, with due allowance for the limits of error prescribed by regulation, agree with the value signified by the denomination of such inspection with regional standards and certified accordingly by the inspector in whose custody the regional standards with which it is so verified are kept in terms of section 9 (1).

(3) Any inspection standard for the testing of masspieces used for any prescribed purpose shall, before being taken into use and thereafter at intervals not exceeding six months, and any other inspection standard shall, before being taken into use and thereafter at intervals not exceeding one year, be verified or reverified with regional standards and certified accordingly by the inspector in whose custody the regional standards with which any such inspection standard is so verified or reverified are kept in terms of section 9 (1): Provided that inspection standards of volume made of glass shall be reverified and certified within such intervals as the director may deem fit.

11 Measuring instruments used by director, inspectors or examiners shall be inspected and tested

(1) Every measuring instrument, other than any regional or inspection standard, used by the director or any inspector or examiner for the purposes of carrying out his duties and functions under this Act, shall be inspected and tested before being taken into use and thereafter at such intervals as may be prescribed by regulation, and a record of every such inspection and testing shall be made and kept by the director or the inspector referred to in section 9 (1).

(2) Any measuring instrument referred to in subsection (1) shall not be used for the carrying out of any duty or function under this Act unless it complies at any inspection and test referred to in subsection (1) with such requirements as may, in respect of any such measuring instrument, be prescribed by regulation.

11A Verification standards

(1) An accredited laboratory shall provide for use by any verification officer such measuring standards (in this Act referred to as verification standards) as may be required by such verification officer for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties and functions under this Act.

(2) The value of any verification standard shall, with due allowance for such limits of error as may be prescribed by regulation, agree with the value signified by the denomination of such verification standard at the time of verification thereof.

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