

Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2025

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Why in news?

The Government strengthens verification infrastructure through amendments to the Legal Metrology (GATC) Rules, 2025.

- **Amended** - Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2013.
- **Aim** - To strengthen consumer protection, promote ease of doing business and align India's system of verification with international best practices.
- **Under the** - Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Key Amendments

- **Broaden the scope of GATCs** - It covers 18 categories of weighing & measuring instruments - including water meters, energy meters, gas meters, moisture meters, flow meters, etc.
- **Inclusion of new categories** - Such as flow meters, breath analysers, multi-dimensional measuring instruments, and speed guns.
- **Public-private partnership** - The participation of private laboratories & industries as GATCs will increase verification capacity, improve accessibility and reduce waiting time for industries.
- **Decentralized Verification** - Regular and decentralized verification will minimize the risk of inaccurate measurements and ensure consumers get full value for their money.
- **Streamlined jurisdiction** - It introduces clarity regarding jurisdiction permitting GATCs to verify instruments within districts and across the state & harmonize verification fees through a newly inserted 5th Schedule.
- **Transparent & structured approach** - They provide clear criteria for inspection, staff qualifications and technical requirements, along with digital payment options for fee submission.

- **Aligns with international practice** - India reinforces its commitment to scientific and transparent metrology systems that are aligned with the recommendations of the [International Organization of Legal Metrology \(OIML\)](#).
- **Authority to certify** - India gains capability to issue ***globally accepted OIML certificates***, reducing reliance on foreign bodies and boosting domestic competitiveness.
- **Boost to Atmanirbhar Bharat** - It supports the Government's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by promoting indigenous testing facilities to expand the national verification network.

Reference

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