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Copy of the letter No.WI.7(1)68-II dt.12-12-68/28th Sept.1968 from the Dy. Director (Weights and measures) Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, 54-Bunder Nagar, New Delhi-11 to the Co-ordinating Officers in the State/Union Territories.

Sub:-Production and supply of measuring tapes in double graduations.

As you are aware, this Directorate and the State Governments have been making continuous efforts to ensure that double marked tapes do not find their way into the country. With this end in view, some consignments of double marked steel tapes that were imported in this country recently were seized by the States'Weights and measures authorities.

2.While it is being ensured that double marked tapes are not imported, it has been observed that they are freely available in the Indian Market. You will agree that this is a very disconcerting State of affairs which may give legitimate cause for grievance to importers. These non standard tapes are, apparently being marketed under different brand names by devious methods by some Indian manufacturers. It has, therefore, become essential to take concerted action to ensure that manufacturers of tapes in this country change over exclusively to metric graduations and demands for double marked tapes, whether from private parties or Government Departments, are actively discouraged. With this end in view, the Controllers of Punjab and Maharashtra have organised seizures from manufacturing and trading centres in their areas. Prosecutions will be launched for manufacture as well as distribution of double marked tapes.

3.It is suggested that to enable effective elimination of double marked tapes from the country, similar seizures should be organised by the weights and measures departments of your state so as to supplement the efforts made by the Punjab and Maharashtra Governments.

4.It is requested that the Government Departments in your State particularly the P.V.D and forest departments and the purchasing organisations, be apprised of the legal position and advised that any contract entered into in terms of non-metric units will be null and void and the supply of non metric measuring tapes will expose the manufacturers and dealers concerned to prosecution. It may also be impressed on them that even Govt. departments are subject to prosecution if they do not abide by the provisions of the law. It is hoped however, that such an embarrassing situation would be avoided.

5.It is, therefore, requested that the Govt. departments in your state be advised to observe the requirements of the Law by placing demands on the manufacturers for measuring tapes marked exclusively in metric units.

Sd/-Dy. Director, Weights & Measures

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