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Remanufactured Device Task Force Releases Report

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In August 2000, the Remanufactured Device Task Force to the NCWM Specifications and Tolerances (S&T) Committee released its report and proposals for defining and marking remanufactured devices. This issue first appeared on the NCWM Board of Directors (BOD) 1996 Agenda (formerly Executive Committee Item 102-8). In 1997, discussions about modifying NIST Handbook 44 to address remanufactured devices began in a special meeting of the S&T Committee. Weights and measures officials and industry representatives worked diligently to reach a consensus on requirements that were clear, nonrestrictive, and could be uniformly enforced. The 1999 NCWM BOD agreed to the S&T Committee's recommendation to appoint a task force to resolve enforcement and NTEP issues surrounding remanufactured devices.

Copies of the Task Force's report and proposals were made available at the Fall 2000 regional weights and measures associations and will be included in the 2001 NCWM Interim Agenda.

In summary, the proposal calls for changing the current definition of "manufactured device," in Handbooks 44 and 130, and Publication 14 and adding new definitions for "remanufactured device," "remanufactured element," "repaired device," and "repaired element." In addition, the Task Force is proposing that a new marking requirement for remanufactured devices and main elements be added to the General Code of Handbook 44.