



WEIGHTS and MEASURES STANDARDS


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a brief history



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U.S. Prototype Kilogram 20,
the standard of mass of the
United States.



U.S. Prototype Meter Bar 27,
the standard of length of the
United States from 1893 to
1960. On October 14, 1960,
the meter was redefined in
terms of a wavelength of the
krypton 86 atom.



