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NIST Handbook 133 Conversion Tables Incorporated into FTC's Fair Packaging and Labeling Act

The Federal Trade Commission issued final amendments to its rules and regulations promulgated under the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (FPLA), which included the incorporation of comprehensive metric conversion tables in NIST Handbook 133 "Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods." The amendments also modernize the place-of-business listing requirement, clarify guidance on the use of exponents with customary inch/pound measurements, and eliminate outdated regulations on retail price sales related to "cents-off" representations, introductory offers, and economy size packages. One significant addition is a section that notifies packagers that while some goods are exempt from FTC regulation, they nonetheless still fall under the purview of the individual state weights and measures laws. A majority of the revisions made by FTC to the FPLA were requested by the National Conference on Weights and Measures, where NIST staff serve as technical advisors.

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