

THE METROLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

MEMORENDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Metrology Act, so as to —

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the Zambia Metrology Agency; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Metrology Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Metrology (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Metrology Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and
commence-
ment

Cap.403

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment
of section 2

“Energy Regulation Board” means the Energy Regulation Board established under the Energy Regulation Act; and

Cap.436

15 “higher education institution” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Higher Education Act;

Cap.136

3. The principal Act is amended by the repeal of section 7 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and
replacement
of section 7

20 7. (1) There is constituted the Board of the Agency which consists of the following part time members appointed by the Minister:

Board of
Agency

25 (a) a representative of the ministry responsible for industry;

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- (b) a representative of the Attorney General;
- (c) a representative of the Energy Regulation Board;
- (d) a representative of a higher education institution with knowledge and experience in measurements; 5
- (e) a representative of an association engaged in consumer protection, with knowledge and experience in matters relating to consumer protection; and 10
- (f) two persons from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act. 15
- (2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister. 15
- (3) The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson from among the members of the Board referred to under subsection (1)(c) to (f). 20
- (4) The members shall elect the Vice Chairperson from among themselves.
- (5) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Board if that person is 25
- (a) not a citizen;
- (b) an undischarged bankrupt;
- (c) legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member; or 30
- (d) convicted of an offence under this Act or any other written law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without an option of a fine. 35
- (6) The First Schedule applies to the Board.

Repeal and replacement of heading to First Schedule

4. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the repeal of the heading and the substitution therefor of the following:

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Sections 3(3) and 7(6))

PART I

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ZAMBIA METROLOGY AGENCY
