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# Standard Specification for Laboratory Weights and Precision Mass Standards<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers weights and mass standards used in laboratories, specifically classes 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. This specification replaces National Bureau of Standards Circular 547, Section 1, which is out of print.

1.2 This specification and calibration method is intended for use by weight manufacturers, national metrology institutes, weight calibration laboratories, accreditation bodies, users of weights, and regulatory bodies.

1.3 This specification contains the principal physical characteristics and metrological requirements for weights that are used.

1.3.1 For the verification of weighing instruments;

1.3.2 For the calibration of weights of a lower class of accuracy; and

1.3.3 With weighing instruments.

1.4 Maximum Permissible Errors (formerly tolerances) and design restrictions for each class are described in order that both individual weights or sets of weights can be chosen for appropriate applications.

1.5 Weight manufacturers must be able to provide evidence that all new weights comply with specifications in this standard (for example, material, density, magnetism, surface finish, mass values, uncertainties) to make any claim of compliance to Specification E617, Maximum Permissible Errors, weight classes, or metrological traceability.

1.5.1 During subsequent calibrations, calibration laboratories must meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

1.5.2 Subsequent calibrations must meet all the requirements, including Sections 7, 8, and 9, Table 8 and Table 11 (environmental parameters) to make any claim of compliance to Specification E617, Maximum Permissible Errors, weight classes, or metrological traceability.

NOTE 1—Requirements set forth in NIST IR 6969 and NIST IR 5672 are compliant with all the requirements of Specification E617, Sections 7, 8, and 9.

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1.6 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

1.7 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ISO Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories

2.2 *NIST Standards:*<sup>3</sup>

NIST Handbook 143 State Weights and Measures Laboratories Program Handbook (2019)

NIST SP 811 Guide for the Use of the International System of Unit (SI) 2008 Edition

NIST SP 1038 The International System of Units (SI) – Conversion Factors for General Use (May 2006)

NISTIR 5672 Advanced Mass Calibration and Measurement Assurance Program for State Calibration Laboratories (2019)

NISTIR 6969 Selected Laboratory and Measurement Practices to Support Basic Mass Calibrations (2019)

NIST Technical Note 1297 Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results (1994)

2.3 *OIML Standards:*<sup>4</sup>

OIML D 28 Conventional Value of the Result of Weighing in Air (2004)

OIML R 111–1 Weights of classes E1, E2, F1, F2, M1, M1–2, M2, M2–3 and M3 Part 1: Metrological and Technical Requirements (Edition 2004)

<sup>2</sup> Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), 1, ch. de la Voie-Creuse, CP 56, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

<sup>3</sup> Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Organisation Internationale de Metrologie Legale, 11 Rue Turgot, 75009 Paris, France, <http://www.oiml.org>.

### 2.4 BIPM Standards:<sup>5</sup>

VIM: JCGM 200:2012 International Vocabulary of Metrology—Basic and General Concepts and Associated Terms

GUM: JCGM 100:2008 Evaluation of Measurement Data—Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement

SI Brochure: 2019 The International System of Units (SI), 9<sup>th</sup> Edition

### 2.5 EURAMET Standards:<sup>6</sup>

EURAMET/cg-18/V. 4.0 Guidelines on the Calibration of Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments (2015)

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *accuracy class of weights*—a class of weights that meets certain metrological requirements intended to keep the errors within specified limits.

3.1.2 *balance*—instrument indicating apparent mass that is sensitive to the following forces:

$$F_g = m \cdot g$$

Force due to gravity

$$F_b = v \cdot \rho_a \cdot g = \frac{m}{\rho} \rho_a \cdot g$$

Air buoyancy equal to the weight of the displaced air.

$$F_z = \mu_0 \int \int \int (M + \chi H) \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} dV$$

Vertical component of the magnetic interaction between the weight and the balance or the environment, or both.

$H$  and  $M$  are vectors;  $z$  is the vertical cartesian coordinate. If magnetic effects are negligible, that is, the permanent magnetization ( $M$ ) of the weight and the magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ) are sufficiently small, and the balance is calibrated with reference weights of well-known mass, the balance can be used to indicate the conventional mass,  $m_c$ , of a body under conventionally chosen conditions.

3.1.3 *calibration (of weights)*—the acts of determining the mass difference between a standard of known mass value and an “unknown” test weight or set of weights, establishing the mass value and conventional mass value of the “unknown,” and of determining a quantitative estimate of the uncertainty to be assigned to the stated mass or conventional mass value of the “unknown,” or both, and providing metrological traceability to the “unknown.”

3.1.3.1 *calibration (generally)*—set of operations that establish, under specified conditions, the relationship between values of quantities indicated by a measuring instrument or measuring system, or values represented by a material measure or a reference material, and the corresponding values realized by standards.

3.1.4 *calibration certificate*—certificate issued by calibration laboratories to document the results of a calibration.

3.1.5 *conventional mass*—conventional value of the result of weighing in air, in accordance to International Recommen-

dation OIML D 28. For a weight taken at 20 °C, the conventional mass is the mass of a reference weight of a density of 8000 kg m<sup>-3</sup> which it balances in air of density of 1.2 kg m<sup>-3</sup>.

3.1.6 *correction*—mass values are traditionally expressed by two numbers, one being the nominal mass of the weight, and the second being a correction. The mass of the weight is the assigned nominal value plus the assigned correction. Positive corrections indicate that the weight embodies more mass than is indicated by the assigned nominal value. Negative corrections indicate that the weight embodies less mass than is indicated by the assigned nominal value. The correction is equivalent to the “error.”

3.1.7 *kilogram*—the SI base unit of mass. Formerly the international prototype kilogram (IPK), the platinum-iridium cylinder maintained at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) in Sèvres, France, was internationally accepted as having a defined mass of 1 kg. In 2018 the kilogram was redefined in terms of the Planck constant  $h$  (taken to be 6.626 070 15 × 10<sup>-34</sup> kg m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) where the mass of primary mass standards may be determined by any primary method such as those described in the *mise en pratique* for the definition of the kilogram in the BIPM SI Brochure. The redefinition process ensured continuity of mass measurements before and after redefinition such that all mass values traceable to the IPK remained the same when the new definition came into effect, but the uncertainties of these mass values were increased by the relative standard uncertainty of the IPK immediately after the redefinition (1.0 × 10<sup>-8</sup>).

3.1.8 *magnetism*—effect that generates an attractive or repulsive force without the presence of charged species.

3.1.8.1 (*volume*) *magnetic susceptibility* ( $\chi$ )—measure of the ability of a medium to modify a magnetic field. It is related to the magnetic permeability ( $\mu$ ) by the relation:  $\mu/\mu_0 = 1 + \chi$ . The quantity  $\mu/\mu_0$  is sometimes referred to as the relative permeability,  $\mu_r$ .

3.1.8.2 (*permanent*) *magnetization* ( $M$ )—parameter that specifies a magnetic state of material bodies such as weights, in the absence of an external magnetic field (most generally, magnetization is a vector whose magnitude and direction are not necessarily constant within the material). The magnetization of a body generates an inhomogeneous magnetic field in space and thus may produce magnetic forces on other materials.

3.1.9 *mass*—physical quantity, which can be ascribed to any material object and which gives a measure of its quantity of matter. The unit of mass is the kilogram.

3.1.10 *maximum permissible errors*—the maximum amount by which the sum of the conventional mass correction of the weight, and its associated uncertainty is allowed to deviate from the assigned nominal value.

3.1.11 *metrological traceability*—property of a measurement result whereby the result can be related to a reference through a documented unbroken chain of calibrations, each contributing to the measurement uncertainty. Metrological

<sup>5</sup> Available from Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), Pavillon de Breteuil, F-92312, Sèvres Cedex, France, <http://www.bipm.org>.

<sup>6</sup> Available from Euramet, Bundesallee 100, 38116 Braunschweig, Germany, <http://www.euramet.org>.

traceability requires an established calibration hierarchy. Elements for confirming metrological traceability to be an unbroken chain to a primary mass standard shall include a documented measurement uncertainty, a documented measurement procedure, accredited technical competence, metrological traceability to the SI, and established calibration intervals (see current VIM: JCGM 200).

3.1.12 *reference standard*—a standard, generally of the highest metrological quality available at a given location, from which measurements made at that location are derived.

3.1.13 *roughness parameter or R-parameter ( $R_a$  or  $R_z$ )*—parameter that describes the assessed roughness profile of a sample. The letter R is indicative of the type of assessed profile, in this case R for roughness profile. The assessed profile of a sample can be in terms of different profile types: a roughness profile or R-parameter, primary profile or P-parameter, a waviness profile or W-parameter.

3.1.14 *set of weights*—a series of weights, usually presented in a case so arranged to make possible any weighing of all loads between the mass of the weight with the smallest nominal value and the sum of the masses of all weights of the series with a progression in which the mass of the smallest nominal value weight constitutes the smallest step of the series.

3.1.15 *temperature ( $t$ )*—in degrees Celsius, is related to the absolute thermodynamic temperature scale, called the Kelvin scale, by  $t = T - 273.15$  K.

3.1.16 *test weight ( $m_t$ )*—weight that is to be tested according to this standard.

3.1.17 *tolerance test*—verification that the sum of the conventional mass corrections of the weights and their corresponding uncertainties as calibrated are correct within the maximum permissible errors of the respective weight class.

3.1.18 *uncertainty*—non-negative parameter characterizing the dispersion of the quantity values being attributed to a measurand, based on the information used.

3.1.19 *units*—the units used are: (1) for mass, the milligram (mg), the gram (g) and the kilogram (kg); (2) for density, the kilogram per cubic meter ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ).

3.1.20 *weight*—material measure of mass, regulated in regard to its physical and metrological characteristics: shape, dimensions, material, surface quality, nominal value, density, magnetic properties and maximum permissible error.

NOTE 2—The term “weight” is also used as the physical quantity of the gravitational force of a body. From the context it is usually clear in which sense the term is used. If the sense is not clear, one may use the words “weight force” or “weight piece,” depending on its meaning.

### 3.2 Symbols:

| Symbol | Unit | Definition   |
|--------|------|--|
| A      | —    | represents weighing the reference weight in a weighing cycle                             |
| B      | —    | represents weighing the test weight in a weighing cycle                                  |
| C      | —    | correction factor for air buoyancy   |
| D      | kg   | difference of balance readings between minimum and maximum values from eccentricity test |
| d      | kg   | scale interval   |

| Symbol                  | Unit               | Definition  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| $d_1$                   | m                  | estimated distance between centers of weights during loading  |
| $d_2$                   | m                  | estimated distance from the center of the load receptor to one of the corners air buoyancy equal to the weight of the displaced air |
| $F_b$                   | N                  | gravitational force   |
| $F_g$                   | N                  | magnetic force between a mass comparator and a weight in the vertical or z-direction  |
| $F_z$                   | N                  | gravitational acceleration  |
| $g$                     | $\text{m s}^{-2}$  | magnetizing field strength  |
| $H$                     | $\text{A m}^{-1}$  | relative humidity   |
| $h_r$                   | %                  | indication of the weighing instruments (scale division)   |
| $l$                     | kg                 | indication difference of the balance, where $\Delta l = l_t - l_r$  |
| $\Delta l$              | kg                 | indication difference using an automatic exchange mechanism with weights in first position  |
| $\Delta l_1$            | kg                 | indication difference using an automatic exchange mechanism with weights in reversed position                                       |
| $\Delta l_2$            | kg                 | change in indication of balance due to sensitivity weight   |
| $\Delta l_s$            | kg                 | subscript used as an index in summations  |
| $i$                     | —                  | subscript for number of test weights or number of series of measurements  |
| $j$                     | —                  | coverage factor, typically 2 or 3   |
| $k$                     | —                  | permanent magnetization (see also $\mu_0 M$ )   |
| $M$                     | $\text{A m}^{-1}$  | mass of a rigid body (weight)   |
| $m$                     | kg                 | mass difference, usually between test and reference weight  |
| $\Delta m$              | kg                 | maximum permissible error on the weights  |
| $\delta m$              | kg                 | mass, nominal value of the weight (e.g. 1 kg)   |
| $m_0$                   | kg                 | conventional mass of the weight   |
| $m_c$                   | kg                 | conventional mass difference between test weight and reference weight   |
| $\Delta m_c$            | kg                 | average conventional mass difference between test weight and reference weight   |
| $\overline{\Delta m_c}$ | kg                 | conventional mass of the reference weight   |
| $m_{cr}$                | kg                 | conventional mass of the test weight  |
| $m_{ct}$                | kg                 | mass of the sensitivity weight  |
| $m_s$                   | kg                 | mass of the test weight   |
| $m_t$                   | kg                 | subscript for number of measurement sequences   |
| $n$                     | —                  | barometric pressure   |
| $p$                     | Pa                 | mean height of roughness profile (R-parameter)  |
| $R_a$                   | $\mu\text{m}$      | maximum height of roughness profile (R-parameter)   |
| $R_z$                   | $\mu\text{m}$      | subscript for reference weight  |
| $r$                     | —                  | subscript for sensitivity weight  |
| $s$                     | —                  | standard deviation  |
| $s$                     | kg                 | variance  |
| $s^2$                   | $\text{kg}^2$      | thermodynamic temperature using the International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90)  |
| $T$                     | K                  | initial difference between weight temperature and laboratory temperature  |
| $\Delta T^*$            | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | subscript for test weight   |
| $t$                     | —                  | temperature in degrees Celsius, where $t = T - 273.15$ K  |
| $t$                     | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | uncertainty, expanded uncertainty   |
| $U$                     | kg                 | uncertainty, standard uncertainty   |
| $u$                     | kg                 | uncertainty of air buoyancy correction  |
| $u_b$                   | kg                 | uncertainty of the balance  |
| $u_{ba}$                | kg                 | combined standard uncertainty   |
| $u_c$                   | kg                 | uncertainty due to the display resolution of a digital balance  |
| $u_d$                   | kg                 |   |

| Symbol      | Unit               | Definition   |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| $u_E$       | kg                 | uncertainty due to eccentricity  |
| $u_F$       | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | uncertainty of the formula used to calculate air density   |
| $u_{hr}$    | %                  | uncertainty in relative humidity   |
| $u_{inst}$  | kg                 | uncertainty due to instability of the reference weight   |
| $u_{ma}$    | kg                 | uncertainty due to magnetism   |
| $u_p$       | Pa                 | uncertainty in barometric pressure   |
| $u_s$       | kg                 | uncertainty due to the sensitivity of the balance  |
| $u_t$       | °C                 | uncertainty in temperature   |
| $u_w$       | kg                 | uncertainty due to the weighing process  |
| $V$         | m <sup>3</sup>     | volume of a solid body (weight)  |
| $z$         | m                  | vertical cartesian coordinate  |
| $\mu$       | N A <sup>-2</sup>  | magnetic permeability  |
| $\mu_0$     | N A <sup>-2</sup>  | magnetic constant (magnetic permeability of vacuum), $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ N A <sup>-2</sup> |
| $\mu_0 M$   | T                  | magnetic polarization  |
| $\mu_r$     | —                  | relative magnetic permeability ( $\mu/\mu_0$ )   |
| $v_{eff}$   | —                  | effective degrees of freedom   |
| $\rho$      | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | mass of a rigid body (weight)  |
| $\rho_0$    | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | density of air as a reference value equal to 1.2 kg m <sup>-3</sup>                                  |
| $\rho_a$    | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | density of moist air   |
| $\rho_{al}$ | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | density of moist air during the last (previous) calibration of the reference weight                  |
| $\rho_r$    | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | density of a reference weight with mass $m_r$  |
| $\rho_t$    | kg m <sup>-3</sup> | density of the weight being tested   |
| $\chi$      | —                  | magnetic susceptibility  |

#### 4. Maximum Permissible Errors

4.1 For each weight, the expanded uncertainty  $U$  at approximately 95 % confidence (see Section 9) of the conventional mass shall be less than or equal to one-third of the maximum permissible error given in Table 1 as defined in Section 9. Subsequent calibrations must meet all the requirements (including environmental parameters as shown in Table 11, of Sections 7, 8, and 9; and the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, 7.8.6 to make any claim of compliance to Specification E617, Maximum Permissible Errors, weight classes, or metrological traceability.

4.1.1 For each weight, the conventional mass,  $m_c$  (determined with an expanded uncertainty), shall not differ by more than the difference: maximum permissible error  $\delta m$  minus expanded uncertainty, from the nominal value of the weight,  $m_o$ :

$$m_o - (\delta m - U) \leq (m_c) \leq m_o + (\delta m - U) \quad (1)$$

4.2 Maximum permissible errors for classes 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are given in Table 1. These maximum permissible errors apply to conventional mass values.

4.3 Maximum Permissible Errors for weights of denomination intermediate between those listed, the maximum permissible error shall be interpolated from the nearest values shown. Maximum permissible errors for nominal values outside the ranges listed in Table 1 shall be interpolated from the nearest metric equivalents.

4.4 For class 000, 00, and 0 weights, which are always accompanied by certificates giving the mass values and uncertainties, the deviation from the nominal value,  $m_c - m_o$ , shall be taken into account by the user.

## 5. Physical Characteristics

### 5.1 Construction:

5.1.1 *Type*—Weights are divided into two types based upon the design:

5.1.1.1 *Type I*—These weights are of one-piece construction and contain no added adjusting material. They must be specified when weights are to be used as standards for the calibration of weights of Classes 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, and 3, and where maximum stability is required. A precise measurement of density can only be made for one-piece weights.

5.1.1.2 *Type II*—Weights of this type can be of any appropriate design such as screw knob, ring, or sealed plug. Adjusting material can be used provided it is of a material at least as stable as the base material and is contained in such a way that it will not become separated from the weight.

5.1.2 Class 000, 00, and 0 shall be Type I, one piece construction.

5.1.3 Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 may be either Type I or Type II depending on the application.

5.2 *Design*—A weight may have any shape that does not introduce features that reduce the reliability. Weights with nominal values less than 1 g shall have unique shapes to differentiate the weights from one another. See Table 2. The shape of weights smaller than 1 mg shall be discussed and verified with the customer. All weights shall be free of ragged or sharp edges or ends. Both sheet metal and wire weights shall be free of cracks such as may be formed from bending.

5.3 *Surface Area*—For classes 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 the surface area is not to exceed twice the area of a cylinder of equal height and diameter for weights 1 g and above. Sheet metal weights or wire weights may be used below 1 g. For Classes 5, 6, and 7 the total surface areas should be minimized to the extent possible.

### 5.4 Material:

5.4.1 *Class 000, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Weights*—Shall be made of austenitic stainless steel or a material whose hardness and resistance to corrosion is similar to or better than that of austenitic stainless steel.

5.4.2 *Class 6 Weights*—Class 6 weights below 5 kg shall be made of austenitic stainless steel or a material whose hardness and resistance to corrosion is similar to or better than that of austenitic stainless steel. Class 6 weights of 5 kg or greater shall be made of grey cast iron or of another material whose brittleness and resistance to corrosion is similar to or better than that of grey cast iron. The surface of the weights may be treated with a suitable coating in order to improve their corrosion resistance. This coating shall withstand shocks and outdoor weather conditions.

5.4.3 *Class 7 Weights*—Class 7 weights below 100 g shall be made of austenitic stainless steel or a material whose hardness and resistance to corrosion is similar to or better than that of austenitic stainless steel. Class 7 weights of 100 g or greater shall be made of grey cast iron or of another material whose brittleness and resistance to corrosion is similar to or better than that of grey cast iron. The surface of the weights may be treated with a suitable coating in order to improve their

**TABLE 1 Maximum Permissible Errors**

NOTE 1—Maximum Permissible Errors are reported in SI units, typically milligrams.

NOTE 2—The “grain” is the same in avoirdupois, troy, and apothecaries units of mass.

NOTE 3—See NIST SP 811 and NIST SP 1038 for conversion and units of measure.

NOTE 4—For nominal values not listed, see 4.3.

| Denomination | ±mg except as noted |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|              | Class 000           | Class 00 | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
| Metric       |                     |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 5000 kg      |                     |          |         |         | 25 g    | 50 g    | 100 g   | 250 g   | 500 g   | 750 g   |
| 3000 kg      |                     |          |         |         | 15 g    | 30 g    | 60 g    | 150 g   | 300 g   | 450 g   |
| 2000 kg      |                     |          |         |         | 10 g    | 20 g    | 40 g    | 100 g   | 200 g   | 300 g   |
| 1000 kg      |                     |          |         |         | 5.0 g   | 10 g    | 20 g    | 50 g    | 100 g   | 150 g   |
| 500 kg       |                     |          |         |         | 2.5 g   | 5.0 g   | 10 g    | 25 g    | 50 g    | 75 g    |
| 300 kg       |                     |          |         |         | 1.5 g   | 3.0 g   | 6.0 g   | 15 g    | 30 g    | 45 g    |
| 200 kg       |                     |          |         |         | 1.0 g   | 2.0 g   | 4.0 g   | 10 g    | 20 g    | 30 g    |
| 100 kg       |                     |          |         |         | 500 mg  | 1.0 g   | 2.0 g   | 5.0 g   | 10 g    | 15 g    |
| 50 kg        | 13 mg               | 25 mg    | 63 mg   | 120 mg  | 250     | 500 mg  | 1.0 g   | 2.5 g   | 5.0 g   | 7.5 g   |
| 30 kg        | 7.5                 | 15       | 38      | 75      | 150     | 300     | 600 mg  | 1.5 g   | 3.0 g   | 5.1 g   |
| 25 kg        | 6.25                | 12.5     | 31      | 62      | 125     | 250     | 500     | 1.3 g   | 2.5 g   | 4.5 g   |
| 20 kg        | 5.0                 | 10       | 25      | 50      | 100     | 200     | 400     | 1.0 g   | 2.0 g   | 3.8 g   |
| 10 kg        | 2.5                 | 5.0      | 13      | 25      | 50      | 100     | 200     | 500 mg  | 1.0 g   | 2.2 g   |
| 5 kg         | 1.3                 | 2.5      | 6.0     | 12      | 25      | 50      | 100     | 250     | 500 mg  | 1.4 g   |
| 3 kg         | 0.75                | 1.5      | 3.8     | 7.5     | 15      | 30      | 60      | 150     | 300     | 1.0 g   |
| 2 kg         | 0.5                 | 1.0      | 2.5     | 5.0     | 10      | 20      | 40      | 100     | 200     | 750 mg  |
| 1 kg         | 0.25                | 0.5      | 1.3     | 2.5     | 5.0     | 10      | 20      | 50      | 100     | 470     |
| 500 g        | 0.13                | 0.25     | 0.60    | 1.2     | 2.5     | 5.0     | 10      | 35      | 70      | 300     |
| 300 g        | 0.075               | 0.15     | 0.38    | 0.75    | 1.5     | 3.0     | 6.0     | 30      | 60      | 210     |
| 200 g        | 0.05                | 0.10     | 0.25    | 0.50    | 1.0     | 2.0     | 4.0     | 20      | 40      | 160     |
| 100 g        | 0.025               | 0.05     | 0.13    | 0.25    | 0.50    | 1.0     | 2.0     | 10      | 20      | 100     |
| 50 g         | 0.015               | 0.030    | 0.060   | 0.12    | 0.25    | 0.60    | 1.2     | 5.0     | 10      | 62      |
| 30 g         | 0.014               | 0.026    | 0.037   | 0.074   | 0.15    | 0.45    | 0.90    | 3.0     | 6.0     | 44      |
| 20 g         | 0.013               | 0.025    | 0.037   | 0.074   | 0.10    | 0.35    | 0.70    | 2.0     | 4.0     | 33      |
| 10 g         | 0.010               | 0.020    | 0.025   | 0.050   | 0.074   | 0.25    | 0.50    | 1.0     | 2.0     | 21      |
| 5 g          | 0.005               | 0.010    | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.18    | 0.36    | 0.75    | 1.5     | 13      |
| 3 g          | 0.005               | 0.010    | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.15    | 0.30    | 0.64    | 1.3     | 9.4     |
| 2 g          | 0.005               | 0.010    | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.13    | 0.26    | 0.56    | 1.1     | 7.0     |
| 1 g          | 0.005               | 0.010    | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.10    | 0.20    | 0.45    | 0.90    | 4.5     |
| 500 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.025   | 0.080   | 0.16    | 0.36    | 0.72    | 3.0     |
| 300 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.025   | 0.070   | 0.14    | 0.31    | 0.61    | 2.2     |
| 200 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.025   | 0.060   | 0.12    | 0.27    | 0.54    | 1.8     |
| 100 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.025   | 0.050   | 0.10    | 0.22    | 0.43    | 1.2     |
| 50 mg        | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.042   | 0.085   | 0.17    | 0.35    | 0.88    |
| 30 mg        | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.038   | 0.075   | 0.15    | 0.30    | 0.68    |
| 20 mg        | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.035   | 0.070   | 0.13    | 0.26    | 0.56    |
| 10 mg        | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.030   | 0.060   | 0.10    | 0.21    | 0.40    |
| 5 mg         | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.028   | 0.055   | 0.083   | 0.17    |         |
| 3 mg         | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.026   | 0.052   | 0.071   | 0.14    |         |
| 2 mg         | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.025   | 0.050   | 0.062   | 0.12    |         |
| 1 mg         | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.025   | 0.050   | 0.050   | 0.10    |         |
| 0.5 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.025   | 0.050   | 0.0540  | 0.080   |         |
| 0.3 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   | 0.025   |         |         |         |         |
| 0.2 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   | 0.014   |         |         |         |         |         |
| 0.1 mg       | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 0.05 mg      | 0.002               | 0.003    | 0.005   | 0.010   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Avoirdupois  |                     |          | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
| Pound        |                     |          | mg      | mg      | mg      | g & mg  | g & mg  | g & mg  | g & mg  | g & mg  |
| 10000 lb     |                     |          |         |         |         | 45 g    | 91 g    | 230 g   | 450 g   | 680 g   |
| 5000 lb      |                     |          |         |         |         | 23 g    | 45 g    | 110 g   | 230 g   | 340 g   |
| 3000 lb      |                     |          |         |         |         | 14 g    | 27 g    | 68 g    | 140 g   | 200 g   |
| 2500 lb      |                     |          |         |         |         | 11 g    | 23 g    | 57 g    | 110 g   | 170 g   |
| 2000 lb      |                     |          |         |         |         | 9.1 g   | 18 g    | 45 g    | 91 g    | 140 g   |
| 1000 lb      |                     |          |         |         |         | 4.5 g   | 9.1 g   | 23 g    | 45 g    | 68 g    |
| 500 lb       |                     |          |         |         |         | 2.3 g   | 4.5 g   | 11 g    | 23 g    | 34 g    |
| 300 lb       |                     |          |         |         |         | 1.4 g   | 2.7 g   | 6.8 g   | 14 g    | 20 g    |
| 200 lb       |                     |          |         |         |         | 910 mg  | 1.8 g   | 4.5 g   | 9.1 g   | 14 g    |
| 100 lb       |                     |          | 57      | 110     | 230     | 450     | 910 mg  | 2.3 g   | 4.5 g   | 6.8 g   |
| 50 lb        |                     |          | 29      | 57      | 110     | 230     | 450     | 1.1 g   | 2.3 g   | 4.1 g   |
| 30 lb        |                     |          | 17      | 32      | 68      | 140     | 270     | 680 mg  | 1.4 g   | 2.7 g   |
| 25 lb        |                     |          | 14      | 28      | 57      | 110     | 230     | 570     | 1.1 g   | 2.4 g   |
| 20 lb        |                     |          | 12      | 23      | 45      | 91      | 180     | 450     | 910 mg  | 2.0 g   |
| 10 lb        |                     |          | 5.5     | 11      | 23      | 45      | 91      | 230     | 450     | 1.3 g   |
| 5 lb         |                     |          | 2.7     | 5.4     | 11      | 23      | 45      | 110     | 230     | 780 mg  |
| 3 lb         |                     |          | 1.7     | 3.4     | 6.8     | 14      | 27      | 68      | 140     | 580     |

**TABLE 1** *Continued*

| Denomination | ±mg except as noted |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|              | Class 000           | Class 00 | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
| 2 lb         |                     |          | 1.2     | 2.3     | 4.5     | 9.1     | 18      | 45      | 91      | 440     |
| 1 lb         |                     |          | 0.55    | 1.1     | 2.3     | 4.5     | 9.1     | 35      | 70      | 270     |
| 0.5 lb       |                     |          | 0.27    | 0.54    | 1.1     | 2.3     | 4.5     | 23      | 45      | 170     |
| 0.3 lb       |                     |          | 0.17    | 0.34    | 0.68    | 1.4     | 2.7     | 14      | 27      | 120     |
| 0.2 lb       |                     |          | 0.12    | 0.23    | 0.45    | 0.91    | 1.8     | 9.0     | 18      | 97      |
| 0.1 lb       |                     |          | 0.055   | 0.11    | 0.23    | 0.57    | 1.1     | 4.5     | 9.1     | 59      |
| 0.05 lb      |                     |          | 0.037   | 0.074   | 0.11    | 0.36    | 0.77    | 2.3     | 4.5     | 37      |
| 0.03 lb      |                     |          | 0.029   | 0.059   | 0.083   | 0.32    | 0.59    | 1.4     | 2.7     | 26      |
| 0.02 lb      |                     |          | 0.024   | 0.047   | 0.070   | 0.23    | 0.45    | 0.91    | 1.8     | 20      |
| 0.01 lb      |                     |          | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.16    | 0.34    | 0.73    | 1.5     | 12      |
| 0.005 lb     |                     |          | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.14    | 0.27    | 0.58    | 1.2     | 7.8     |
| 0.003 lb     |                     |          | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.11    | 0.22    | 0.50    | 0.99    | 5.4     |
| 0.002 lb     |                     |          | 0.015   | 0.030   | 0.049   | 0.091   | 0.19    | 0.44    | 0.87    | 4.2     |
| 0.001 lb     |                     |          | 0.0050  | 0.010   | 0.024   | 0.078   | 0.15    | 0.35    | 0.70    | 2.9     |
| 0.0005 lb    |                     |          | 0.0045  | 0.0091  | 0.023   | 0.064   | 0.13    | 0.28    | 0.56    | 2.0     |
| Avoirdupois  |                     |          | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
| Ounce        |                     |          | mg      | mg      | mg      | mg      | mg      | mg      | mg      | mg      |
| 10 oz        |                     |          | 0.35    | 0.70    | 1.4     | 2.8     | 5.4     | 28      | 57      | 200     |
| 8 oz         |                     |          | 0.27    | 0.54    | 1.1     | 2.3     | 4.5     | 23      | 45      | 170     |
| 5 oz         |                     |          | 0.18    | 0.35    | 0.71    | 1.4     | 2.8     | 14      | 28      | 130     |
| 4 oz         |                     |          | 0.14    | 0.28    | 0.57    | 1.1     | 2.3     | 11      | 23      | 110     |
| 3 oz         |                     |          | 0.10    | 0.21    | 0.43    | 0.91    | 1.8     | 8.5     | 17      | 90      |
| 2 oz         |                     |          | 0.070   | 0.14    | 0.28    | 0.64    | 1.3     | 5.7     | 11      | 70      |
| 1 oz         |                     |          | 0.037   | 0.074   | 0.14    | 0.43    | 0.86    | 2.8     | 5.4     | 42      |
| 1/2 oz       |                     |          | 0.030   | 0.060   | 0.085   | 0.30    | 0.59    | 1.4     | 2.8     | 27      |
| 1/4 oz       |                     |          | 0.020   | 0.041   | 0.062   | 0.20    | 0.43    | 0.84    | 1.7     | 17      |
| 1/8 oz       |                     |          | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.16    | 0.31    | 0.67    | 1.3     | 10      |
| 1/16 oz      |                     |          | 0.017   | 0.034   | 0.054   | 0.12    | 0.24    | 0.50    | 1.1     | 6.5     |
| 1/32 oz      |                     |          | 0.014   | 0.029   | 0.047   | 0.095   | 0.19    | 0.43    | 0.87    | 4.2     |
| 1/64 oz      |                     |          | 0.0050  | 0.010   | 0.023   | 0.077   | 0.15    | 0.35    | 0.69    | 2.8     |
| 0.5 oz       |                     |          | 0.030   | 0.060   | 0.085   | 0.30    | 0.59    | 1.4     | 2.8     | 27      |
| 0.3 oz       |                     |          |         |         | 0.068   | 0.23    | 0.45    | 0.89    | 1.8     | 19      |
| 0.2 oz       |                     |          |         |         | 0.057   | 0.19    | 0.38    | 0.78    | 1.6     | 14      |
| 0.1 oz       |                     |          |         |         | 0.054   | 0.14    | 0.29    | 0.63    | 1.3     | 9.0     |
| 0.05 oz      |                     |          |         |         | 0.054   | 0.11    | 0.23    | 0.50    | 1.0     | 5.7     |
| 0.03 oz      |                     |          |         |         | 0.045   | 0.095   | 0.19    | 0.43    | 0.85    | 4.1     |
| 0.02 oz      |                     |          |         |         | 0.029   | 0.077   | 0.18    | 0.38    | 0.75    | 3.2     |
| 0.01 oz      |                     |          |         |         | 0.023   | 0.064   | 0.14    | 0.30    | 0.60    | 2.2     |
| Troy Ounce   |                     |          | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
|              |                     |          |         |         |         | mg      | mg      | g & mg  |         |         |
| 1000 oz t    |                     |          |         |         |         | 310 mg  | 620 mg  | 1.6 g   | 3.1 g   |         |
| 500 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 160     | 310     | 780 mg  | 1.6 g   |         |
| 300 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 91      | 190     | 470     | 930 mg  |         |
| 200 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 62      | 120     | 310     | 620     |         |
| 100 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 31      | 62      | 160     | 310     |         |
| 50 oz t      |                     |          |         |         |         | 16      | 31      | 78      | 160     |         |
| 30 oz t      |                     |          |         |         |         | 9.1     | 19      | 47      | 93      |         |
| 20 oz t      |                     |          |         |         |         | 6.2     | 12      | 39      | 77      |         |
| 10 oz t      |                     |          |         |         |         | 3.1     | 6.2     | 30      | 61      |         |
| 5 oz t       |                     |          |         |         |         | 1.6     | 3.1     | 16      | 31      |         |
| 3 oz t       |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.91    | 1.9     | 9.3     | 19      |         |
| 2 oz t       |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.71    | 1.4     | 6.2     | 12      |         |
| 1 oz t       |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.45    | 0.91    | 3.1     | 6.2     |         |
| 0.5 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.31    | 0.62    | 1.6     | 3.1     |         |
| 0.3 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.24    | 0.49    | 0.92    | 1.8     |         |
| 0.2 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.20    | 0.40    | 0.80    | 1.6     |         |
| 0.1 oz t     |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.15    | 0.30    | 0.65    | 1.3     |         |
| 0.05 oz t    |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.12    | 0.23    | 0.52    | 1.0     |         |
| 0.03 oz t    |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.097   | 0.19    | 0.44    | 0.88    |         |
| 0.02 oz t    |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.084   | 0.17    | 0.39    | 0.77    |         |
| 0.01 oz t    |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.071   | 0.14    | 0.31    | 0.62    |         |
| 0.005 oz t   |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.056   | 0.11    | 0.25    | 0.50    |         |
| Pennyweight  |                     |          | Class 0 | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 | Class 7 |
|              |                     |          |         |         |         | mg      | mg      | mg      | g & mg  |         |
| 10000 dwt    |                     |          |         |         |         | 155     | 310     | 780     | 1.6 g   |         |
| 5000 dwt     |                     |          |         |         |         | 78      | 160     | 390     | 780 mg  |         |
| 3000 dwt     |                     |          |         |         |         | 47      | 91      | 230     | 470     |         |
| 2000 dwt     |                     |          |         |         |         | 31      | 62      | 160     | 310     |         |
| 1000 dwt     |                     |          |         |         |         | 16      | 31      | 78      | 160     |         |
| 500 dwt      |                     |          |         |         |         | 7.8     | 16      | 43      | 87      |         |
| 300 dwt      |                     |          |         |         |         | 4.7     | 9.1     | 34      | 68      |         |
| 200 dwt      |                     |          |         |         |         | 3.1     | 6.2     | 30      | 61      |         |
| 100 dwt      |                     |          |         |         |         | 1.6     | 3.1     | 16      | 31      |         |
| 50 dwt       |                     |          |         |         |         | 0.78    | 1.6     | 7.8     | 16      |         |