

## **THE WEIGHT AND MEASURES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2007 (WMA)**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Weights and Measures Act 1972 which is under the purview of the Ministry Of Domestic Trade and Consumers' Affairs has been amended in order to streamline and standardize with the provisions introduced in the National Measurement System Act 2007 which is governed by the Ministry Of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

With the introduction of National Measurement System Act 2007, part of the provisions under the Weights and Measure Act 1972 is amended to reconcile and standardize with the newly introduces National Measurement System Act 2007 as to avoid any overlapping or contradiction between the two Acts.

The amendments made under the Weights and Measures Act 1972 covers the following:

- ❖ Scope of the Act,
- ❖ Some definitions under the Act,
- ❖ Section pertaining unit of measurement and;
- ❖ Standards for measurement.

With the amendment, the scope of the Weights and Measures Act 1972 which governs the units of measurement and standards of mass and measurement, based on the International System of Units is redefined. The scope of the amended Act will only have provisions to regulate weights and measures and instruments for weighing and measuring in Malaysia.

The amendments will be introducing some new definitions and also amending the existing definitions to standardize with the new National Measurement System Act 2007.

The provisions related to the unit (SI) of measurement and standard for measurement in Malaysia such as Primary, Secondary and Tertiary standard in Weight and Measures Act 1972 is deleted. These provisions are incorporated into the National Measurement System Act 2007.

All the provisions relating to the Standards for measurement is deleted from the Weight and Measures Act 1972 and incorporated into the National Measurement System Act 2007.