Havs och Vatten myndigheten

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Permit for Weighing

Anyone who intends to weigh fishery products from commercial fishing in the sea **on land** in Sweden, must apply for a permit from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM). The requirement follows from the revised Control Regulation and means that weighing may only be carried out using scales included in the permit.

Who is affected?

The vessel master is responsible for ensuring that the catch is weighed by a weighing operator who holds a valid permit. The vessel master may agree with the person receiving the catch on who will act as the weighing operator. This can be the vessel master, a buyer, an auction, or another physical or legal person. The weighing operator is responsible for ensuring that the catch is weighed correctly.

What does the permit requirement mean?

• Weighing may only be carried out by operators who have a permit from SwAM. However, the permit holder is not required to perform the weighing personally; it may be carried out by an employee or crew member.

• The weighing operator is responsible for ensuring that the catch is weighed in accordance with EU regulations and the regulations issued by SwAM.

• The permit requirement means that weighing may only take place on approved scales **that are included in the weighing operator's permit.**

Requirements to obtain a permit

To obtain a permit, the scale(s) used by the operator must be approved for weighing fishery products. This means they must meet the applicable requirements in Swedac's regulations on automatic and non-automatic weighing instruments. The rules for what constitutes an approved scale remain unchanged.

Read more about the rules for scales here (in Swedish): https://www.havochvatten.se/fiske-och-handel/regler-och-lagar/vagning/krav-pa-vagar.html

Application

You apply by completing a form on SwAM's website: https://www.havochvatten.se/fiske-och-handel/regler-och-lagar/vagning/vagningsaktor---ansokan-och-andringar/ansokan-om-att-bli-vagningsaktor.html

Conditions for the permit

• A permit decision is valid for one year

• SwAM renews the permit each year if the weighing has been carried out correctly and no new circumstances have arisen. Otherwise, SwAM will conduct a new assessment to determine whether the permit can be renewed.

• SwAM may revoke the permit if the weighing operator has not complied with the regulations.

More information

More information and a FAQ are available here (in Swedish): https://www.havochvatten.se/fiske-och-handel/regler-och-lagar/vagning/tillstand-for-vagning.html

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email vagning@havochvatten.se.