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SMA Positions on the NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee Report (Revised JAN 10, 2012)

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310 GENERAL CODE

None

320 SCALES CODE

320-1 S.1.7. Capacity Indication, Weight Ranges, and Unit Weights.

The SMA opposes this item as we feel it is an unnecessary change and does not address any known technical problem.

Rationale:

We do not believe the over capacity indication should be tied to a tolerance value.

320-2 S.6.4 Railway Track Scales & Appendix D – Definitions

The SMA supports this item. However, we believe the word “articulated” in the definition of a Weigh Module could be misunderstood and should be removed.

320-3 N.3.1.2. Interim Approval

The SMA supports this item as written.

320-4 UR.1.2 Grain Hopper Scales

The SMA has no position on this item. (The SMA will not present our “no position” during the January 2012 NCWM Interim meeting.)

320-5 Appendix C – Units of Mass (ton)

The SMA recommends that this item be made informational based on intended changes to the proposal from the submitter.

Rationale:

We support “tn” as an acceptable abbreviation for short tons. However, we do not support “lt” as an acceptable abbreviation for long tons.

320-6 Appendix D – Definitions (Reference Weight Car)

The SMA supports this item as written.

321 BELT-CONVEYOR SCALES SYSTEMS

321-1 S.1.9 Zero Ready Indicator

The SMA supports this item as written.

321-2 UR.1 User Requirements

The SMA supports this item as written.

358 MULTIPLE DIMENSION MEASURING DEVICES

358-1 N.1.3.4. Test Objects with Protrusions

The SMA supports this item as written.