



**FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUE (AFIP)**

**GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 3506**

**DETERMINATION OF WEIGHT BY DRAFT AND TANKS'  
SOUNDING FOR OPERATIONS WITH SOLID GOODS IN BULK**

**"DRAFT SURVEY" OR "SCALE CONTROL"**

**BRIEFING No. 117**

Buenos Aires, June 06<sup>th</sup>, 2013

We inform our Members of General Resolution No. 3506 of the Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP) which sets forth that for operations **with solid goods in bulk** the customs office shall establish the method to determine their weight and volume. To said regard, it shall choose between the systems of **scale control** or **draft and tanks' sounding (draft survey)**, which shall be informed at the moment of presenting the destination.

Said General Resolution – attached hereto – has been published in the Official Gazette No. 32,655 on this day, amending Resolution No. 2220 (Customs National Administration) of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1990 and repealing Sections 1, 2 and 4 of Resolution No. 2914 (Customs National Administration).

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Federal Administration of Public Revenue  
MEASUREMENT

General Resolution No. 3506

**Determination of weight by draft and tanks' sounding (draft survey). Resolution No. 2220/90 (Customs National Administration) as amended. Amendment.**

Buenos Aires, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Resolution No. 2220 (Customs National Administration) of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1990 as amended, and

WHEREAS:

The rules regarding the measurement of liquids and the determination of weight by draft and tanks' sounding for the control of goods in bulk were approved by means of said Resolution.

Resolution No. 2914 (Customs National Administration) of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1994, which amended similar Resolution No. 2220/90, established that importers and exporters, in order to

determine the weight of goods in their operations with solid cargoes in bulk, could choose between the systems of scale control or draft and tanks' sounding.

By virtue of the experience and analysis made, it is considered convenient that the customs office, exercising its control powers, determines the weighing method appropriate for the type of operation to be conducted.

The Directorate of Legislation, the General Under Directorate of Legal Affairs, the Customs Legal and Technical General Under Directorate, the General Under Directorate of Customs Operations of the Interior, the General Under Directorate of Metropolitan Customs Operations, the General Under Directorate of Customs Control and the Customs General Office were duly informed.

This resolution is passed by virtue of the exercise of the powers granted by Section 7 of Decree No. 618 of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1997, as amended and supplemented.

Now, therefore,

**THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUE RESOLVES:**

Section 1 – As regards operations with solid goods in bulk, the customs office shall establish the method to determine their weight and volume. Therefore, it shall choose between the systems of scale control or draft and tanks' sounding (draft survey) and it shall be so informed at the moment of presenting the destination.

Section 2 – The Administrator of the corresponding Customs Office shall appoint qualified personnel to control the operation taking into account the method established.

Section 3 – Resolution No. 2220 (Customs National Administration) of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1990 as amended shall be amended as follows:

a) Item 3.3 of Annex III shall read as follows:

“3.3. To said regard, these agents shall have passed the corresponding course given by competent training units, pursuant to the customs jurisdiction where they serve, as a prior requirement to be appointed to perform as such. When customs offices in the interior of the country do not have qualified personnel, said task shall be executed by qualified personnel appointed by the General Under Directorate of Customs Operations of the Interior.”

b) Item 4.1 of Annex III shall read as follows:

“4.1. For Customs Offices to use the control system of draft and tanks' sounding (draft survey), they shall register all operations in the Electronic News Report associated to the customs document, where the following data shall be indicated:

- a) Number of conducted operation.
- b) Operation's initial and final date.
- c) Vessel's name and flag.
- d) Customs Transport Agent involved (for the cargo).
- e) Agents of the customs office.
- f) Customs document for the operation.
- g) Remarks.”

c) Item 6.4 of Annex III shall read as follows:

“6.4. As regards operations selected for the use of the control system of draft and tank's sounding (draft survey) that must commence in non-business days and hours, the Customs Transport Agent shall request extraordinary services in accordance with the provisions of General Resolution No. 665 as amended.”

d) Item 9.4 of Annex III shall read as follows:

“9.4. The control system of draft and tanks' sounding (draft survey) shall be compulsory when in the place of the operation there are no conventional elements to determine weight.”

e) Items 9.2, 9.3 and 10.1 of Annex III and Annex XI are repealed.

Section 4 – This general resolution shall come into force as from its date of publication in the Official Gazette and its provisions shall have effect as from the date on which they are

operative, which shall be informed by this Federal Administration in its web site (<http://www.afip.gob.ar>).

Section 5 – Sections 1, 2 and 4 of Resolution No. 2914/94 (Customs National Administration) are repealed as from the date of coming into force of this resolution.

Section 6 – This resolution shall be recorded, passed to the National Directorate of the Official Registry for publication and published in the Gazette of the Customs General Office. Once the foregoing has been complied with, it shall be filed. – Ricardo Echegaray