

Unattended Weigh Scales

MFLNRORD has piloted the use of Unattended Weigh Scales with great success in the province.

Interested companies are required to submit a full application to the ministry. Each application will be evaluated based on its merits and on the ministry's capacity to monitor and evaluate the new requests.

The Standard Procedures must be adhered to, both for timber and for chips & hogfuel deliveries.

Application to the Ministry

The application must indicate how each of the requirements, stated in the Standard Procedures, will be met. The company must be prepared to make all the required changes in a timely fashion.

All applications must first be submitted to the local district manager. If the district manager supports the proposal it will be forwarded to the Area office (Nanaimo, Prince George or Kamloops) for their support and then to Timber Pricing Branch for final decision. All applications will be dealt with in order of receipt by Timber Pricing Branch.

To manage and maintain consistency in the implementation of Unattended weigh scales in the province, the applicant's District, Area and Timber Pricing Branch will review all proposals against these standard procedures throughout the implementation for the site.

During implementation, it will be important to maintain communication with all parties (ministry, applicant's staff and contractors) and to have an implementation and training plan. Truck drivers and staff must be trained in accordance with the approved training plan for at least 1 to 2 months before the site will be authorized to go Unattended. During implementation a licenced scaler must review the scale data daily for accuracy before submitting to HBS.

The two steps before a final review for the site is conducted are:

- fulfil all the requirements
- operate unattended for a minimum period of 3 months. The objective is to have the site operating without a scaler to monitor and correct mistakes.

In addition to regular scale site inspections, companies should expect reviews at regular intervals regarding the installation of equipment and operations for the Unattended site. Each review will be conducted by the district, area and branch. Changes recommended after the reviews must be implemented by the company before the final authorization will be granted. An authorization to operate an Unattended Weigh Scale may be suspended or cancelled by the ministry for failure to comply with any of these procedures.

The Standard Requirements must be followed in addition to all existing scale site authorization conditions and procedures. For more information please contact Cynthia.Lidstone@gov.bc.ca