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Systematic check scaling is the responsibility of Regional Quality Control Managers. An R-5 supplement to FSH 2409.15, Chapter 20, Section 23, requires a certified Check Scaler to thoroughly check each active scaler.

63 - Procedure

Yard owners must present logs in a manner that provides conditions for adequate remote check scaling activities. This shall include the requirement to hold the number of most recently scaled National Forest loads specified by the yard agreement in scaling locations or to stop truck loads of logs long enough to be check scaled.

Conduct remote check scales whenever possible to verify the accuracy of the original scale and for adjustment purposes. Detailed procedures for conducting check scales are listed in FSH 2409.15, Chapter 20, Section 23.2.

A check scale that is within the prescribed limits of accuracy establishes the volume scaled as final. Do not adjust scaled volume that has been established as satisfactory by check scales.

When a regularly scheduled check scale shows a scaler to be outside acceptable limits of accuracy, or when a scaling complaint is received from a purchaser, initiate prompt action to determine the type and extent of any scaling errors so that necessary corrective action can be taken.

If it is determined that the variance in scale by a competent scaler is primarily due to presentation of the logs for scaling or the conditions under which the scaler must work, and the method in use has been established at the request of the purchaser or has been influenced by the purchaser's actions, make no adjustment in scale. Examples of unfavorable scaling conditions are too rapid presentation of logs; trucks loaded in such a manner that species, defect, and measurements cannot be accurately determined; or muddy conditions in yard scaling; and so forth.