

THE MEASURES OF LENGTH ACT.

[India Act II, 1889.]

(15th June, 1889.)

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Standard yard.

2. The imperial standard yard for the United Kingdom shall be the legal standard measure of length in the Union of Burma and be called the standard yard.

Measure for determining length of standard yard.

3. A copy, approved by the President of the Union, of the imperial standard for determining the length of the imperial standard yard for the United Kingdom shall be kept in such place as the President of the Union may prescribe, and shall be the standard for determining the length of the standard yard:

Provided that until such a copy has been approved by the President of the Union the copy kept in Calcutta under this section as in force in [India] shall be the standard.

Standard foot and inch.

4. One-third part of the standard yard shall be called a standard foot, and one-thirty-sixth part of such a yard shall be called a standard inch.

Presumption in favour of accuracy of certified measures.

5. Any measure having stamped thereon or affixed thereto a certificate purporting to be made under the authority of the President of the Union or of any Government in India or Pakistan, and stating that the measure is of the length of the standard yard, or that a measure marked thereon as a foot or inch is of the length of the standard foot or standard inch, as the case may be, shall, when produced before any Court by any public servant having charge of the measure in pursuance of any direction published in the Gazette by order of the President of the Union, or by any person acting under the general or special authority of such a public servant, be deemed to be correct until its inaccuracy is proved.

Inspection of certified measures by the public.

6. A public servant having in pursuance of such a direction charge of such a measure as is mentioned in the last foregoing section shall allow any person to inspect it free of charge at all reasonable times and to compare therewith or with any measure marked thereon any measure which such person may have in his possession.