

standards," and such equipment, as may be found necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The office and working standards shall be verified upon their initial receipt, and at least once each year thereafter, the office standards by direct comparison with the State standards, and the working standards by comparison with the office standards.] *In addition to the State primary standards provided for in Section 1, there shall be supplied by the State such "secondary standards" and such equipment as may be found necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The Superintendent shall cause the secondary standards to be verified upon their initial receipt and, thereafter, as often as deemed necessary by comparison with the State primary standards.*

3. *Systems and [Definitions] definitions of units of weight and measure.*

[The term "gallon" shall be understood to mean a unit of 231 cubic inches, of which the liquid quart, liquid pint, and gill are, respectively, the one-quarter, the one-eighth, and the one-thirty-second parts. The term "bushel," when used in connection with dry measures and standard containers, shall be understood to mean a unit of 2150.42 cubic inches, of which the dry quart and dry pint, respectively, are the one-thirty-second and the one-sixty-fourth parts. The term "barrel," when used in connection with flour, shall be understood to mean a unit of 200 pounds, avoirdupois weight. The term "barrel," when used in connection with lime, shall be understood to mean units of 180 pounds and 280 pounds, avoirdupois weight for the "small barrel" and "large barrel," respectively. The term "barrel," when used in connection with cranberries, shall be understood to mean a unit of 5826 cubic inches. The term "barrel," when used in connection with fruits and vegetables and other dry commodities other than flour, lime and cranberries, shall be understood to mean a unit of 7056 cubic inches.] *The system of weights and measures in customary use in the United States and the metric system of weights and measures are jointly recognized, and either one or both of these systems shall be used for all commercial purposes in the State of Maryland. The definitions of basic units of weight and measure, the tables of weight and measure, and weights and measures equivalents as published by the National Bureau of Standards are recognized and, except as herein provided otherwise, shall govern weighing and measuring equipment and transactions in the State. The term "barrel," when used in connection with fermented liquor, shall be understood to mean a unit of 31 gallons. The term "ton" shall be understood to mean a unit of 2,000 pounds, avoirdupois weight. The term "cord" when used in connection with wood intended for any purposes, shall be understood to mean the amount of wood which is contained in a space of 128 cubic feet, when the wood is ranked and well stowed and one-half the kerf of the wood is included, nor shall the term "unit" as such be used or allowed to be used as a standard or norm of measure of wood intended for any purposes. Fractional parts of any unit defined in this section shall be understood to mean like fractional parts of the value of such unit as defined herein. All contracts concerning the sale of commodities shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of this section.*