

# THE TARE: the retailer's obligation to subtract the tare at time of weighing.

## What is the tare?

It is the weight of the packaging or container without its content.

## What does it mean to tare?

To tare means to zero the scale with the packaging or empty container before filling it.

## For the retailer!

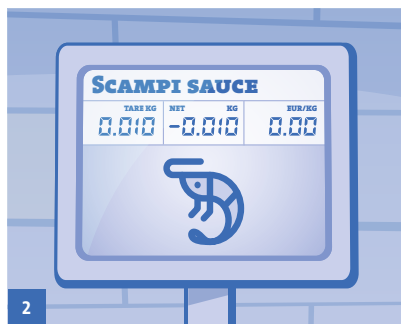
The retailer must deduct the weight of the packaging before weighing the product!  
Penalties apply in case of non-compliance.

## Practical examples



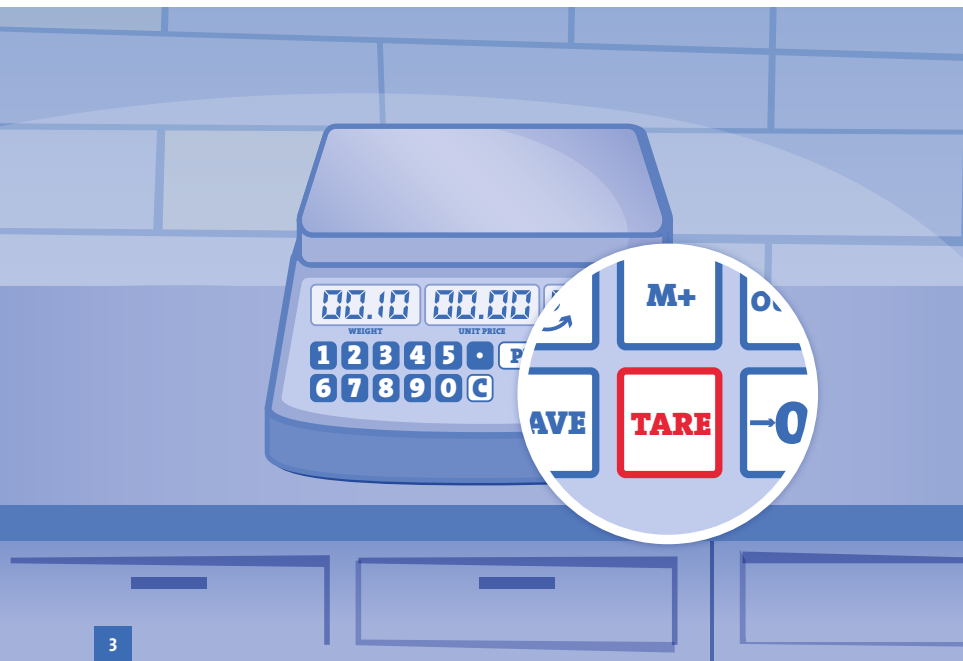
Above, the weight of the packaging **was not deducted** on the scale before the product was weighed.

As a result, consumers pay € 0.35 for the packaging that weighs 10 grams and the packaging costs the same price as the product, in this case € 35/kg.



Above, the weight of the packaging **was deducted before weighing**. The scale shows -0.010 kg for the weight of the packaging.

Consumers will therefore pay only for the product they purchased, not the packaging.



In supermarkets, consumers can often weigh fruit, vegetables or other bulk products themselves.

If consumers use their own container and the weight of the container is not deducted on the scale, the additional cost can be significant.

In this case, a “Tare or Tara” button on the scale will allow consumers to deduct the weight of the packaging **before weighing the products**.

#### More information



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