

## 2.2 GUIDANCE NOTES

There are many sources of information providing additional guidance on a wide variety of subjects related to weighing. Some specific sets of guidance notes are discussed in following subsections:

- NMO guidance notes for the NAWI regulations
- European Commission guidance notes on the New Approach directives
- The packers guide
- The WELMEC Guides

In addition to these, guides and information are provided by the following organisations.

### **WELMEC**

The WELMEC guides are listed in section 2.1.3 and are used by regulatory authorities to provide a common interpretation of European metrology legislation.

### **OIML**

Many of the relevant OIML documents are strictly 'recommendations' but they provide essential information regarding the standards and procedures used in legal metrology. These are listed in section 2.1.4.

### **NMO**

The National Measurement Office produce various notes for guidance in addition to those on the NAWI regulations referred to in section 2.2.1. These can be obtained from the NMO website.

### **National Physical Laboratory (NPL) / Institute of Measurement and Control (IMC)**

The NPL and IMC have a variety of guides on the measurement of mass and weight and industrial weighing. The guides are available from the NPL website.

### **United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) / European Accreditation (EA)**

The UKAS and EA guides cover calibration and uncertainty. The guides are available from the respective websites.

### **European Commission**

The so-called 'Blue Guide' to the New Approach directives is discussed in section 2.2.2. This guide is available from the Europa website.

### **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)**

Amongst the many guides produced by the HSE, there are two in particular that may be of interest to the weighing industry on risk assessments and lifting operations and lifting equipment. These are available from the HSE website.