



**Legal Updates**  
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# EN45501

- Appears most companies have changed to reflect the new standard
- Some problems with the NMO notified body on the exact format of Declarations of Conformity and other detailed technical matters.
- A meeting is planned to resolve all of the detailed technical matters to improve consistency
- UKWF have been appointed as the Chairman of the UK Standards Committee on this



# Implementing Regulations

- The Government believes these regulations will be implemented by the end of the year
- This is very important to improve transparency and consistency in the market place
- Increasingly significant as we move towards Brexit



# Implementing Regulations

- The position of the UKWF is that all our members should meet the requirements of the Directive
- We claim to be the experts in weighing and we should be able to demonstrate this
- If you are unsure please let me know and we can work on meeting the requirements



# Changes at the NMRO

- Paul Dixon has left the NMO Notified Body to go and work with the OIML
- His position has been replaced by Mannie Panesar
- Many years experience with the NPL and running the test laboratory at the NMRO
- A new apprentice has been appointed & future recruitment is anticipated



# Brexit

- Important challenges for the UK weighing industry
- Already begun to lobby
- Want the UK weights and measures law to mirror the European Requirements
- Want the continued existence of UK notified bodies



# Brexit

- Likely that the legislation will remain the same at the point we leave the EU
- Fundamental that it does not move out of step- both regulations and standards
- Important for both imports and exports
- Important for both the UK weighing industry and future confidence for the markets that we trade with in the future
- Must continue to lobby for both 'self-verification and local authority notified bodies



# UKWF Code of Practice

- This has been altered to reflect the challenges of the medical weighing sector
- Has been endorsed by the Regulation Directorate
- Should allow our members to operate within a controlled environment





# UKWF Code of Practice

- Version 6 of the UKWF Code has now been published
- **Calibration Certificates can only be issued when they fully comply with the Code of Practice**
- **Any other statement as to accuracy is NOT a calibration certificate**



# UKWF Code of Practice

- The Code does not prevent members offering other services and executing other procedures.
- Any such procedures or services must not be referred to as a calibration.
- Any other services or procedures carried out by a member company which determine the accuracy of a non-automatic weighing instrument which are not covered by the Code must not have individual certificates and must not make reference to or imply that a calibration has been completed in compliance with this Code



# Apprenticeships

- Have been involved with the Government approved apprenticeship
- Apprenticeship standard has been published  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/555641/Metrology\\_Technician.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/555641/Metrology_Technician.pdf)
- Waiting for the assessment plan to be finalized
- Possible up to 90% funding for businesses not paying the apprenticeship levy
- To decide how this can be delivered-thanks to members for their contributions- important issue for members



# Primary Authority

- Have been investigation the possibility of having a primary authority
- In talks with Hertfordshire CC
- Looking at the possibility of our customers having earned autonomy if the have scales calibrated by our customers
- Proving problematic



# Software risk assessment

- Looks at the ways in which software can be attacked
- The looks at applying a risk to those attacks
- Idea supported by CECIP
- Must include real risks from the market place
- Must understand and risk assess the attacker motivation



Thank you