



Legal Updates

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UK Weighing Federation

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Review

- European Changes
- National Changes
- UKWF matters
- Other issues



EN45501

- The standard has been sent back to CEN for translation and formatting
- Estimate that it may be published in the next few months
- 3 months voting period
- Transition period



EN45501

- Discussions are beginning on this
- Commission are pushing for a short or no period
- Likely to have limited effect
- Will be completing training once the standard has been completed



Blue Guide

- The new Blue Guide has been published last week
- Appears to be a positive update to reflect the new obligations of the New Legislative Framework
- Chapters 1 to 3 outline these obligations
- Chapter 5 outlines the requirements of notified bodies
- Chapter 7 outlines the procedures for the safe guard clauses- need to be aware of these



Product safety and market surveillance package

- The first draft of the Regulations have been published
- Based around the market surveillance of issue that relate to the protection of health and safety
- Must be aware of the safe guard procedures that some market surveillance authorities seem keen to use
- Has ground to a halt on the requirement for “made in”
- Will come to fruition in due course



The New Legislative Framework

- The new NAWI Directive and the new Measuring Instrument Directive have gone through Parliament.
- Waiting for publication in the official journal (OJ)
- Will then be implemented in UK legislation within three years
- This will have a significant effect



The New Legislative Framework

- Wider obligation for language requirements
- Clear obligations on distributors to ensure compliance with the directives
- Looking to have training in conjunction with the NMO and the Trading Standards Community



Medical weighing meeting

- Calibration not taking place in line with the Code
- Useful meeting in which there was agreement
- Outlined the problem was the reduction in the value of the contracts
- Solution lies with the co-ordination with the NHS



Medical weighing meeting- Outcomes

- Calibrations not in compliance with the Code must not have any express or implied reference to membership of the Federation
- Will produce a customer guidance note on why the full calibration should take place
- Will begin a working group on how the matter can be improved



Medical weighing meeting

Challenges

- Problem of finding someone from the NHS who can help with this problem
- NMO have a medical weighing project this year
- Looking at scales in health centers and district nursing
- Calibration of medical weighing scales will be under the spotlight



Changing the Code- Load cells

- The problem of changing making changes and unable to access a weighbridge unit
- Attempting to have support for the idea of an agreed time period between the repair and the verification
- Meeting with some success



Changing the Code- Load cells

- Will have to undertake a positive set of checks to ensure that the weighbridge is left in an appropriate condition
- The Trading Standards community will get be able to make a final decision by July



WG7- Software

- Important group on which to focus
- Planning to produce a policy statement relating to manufacturers self declaration
- Have some support on this matter from the NMO, the Dutch authorities and CECOD
- This could be long process-positive to see that authorities are engaging with this



Other legislative changes

- Removal of the Knitting Yarns Order 1988
- Removal of small bakers exemption certificates
- Some changes to the Consumer Rights Bill
- New application form and guidance note for UK self-verification



The review of the National Physical Laboratory (NPL)

- The structure and operation of the NPL is being reviewed
- Intrinsic in this is the structure and operation of the NMO
- This organization provides many services to our members
- The NMO may stay as one organization
- Could easily be split up.
- Policy will be part of government
- The calibration laboratory as part of the NPL
- The notified body run elsewhere
- Would not benefit our members



US- EU Trade talk

- Looking to get the weighing and measuring sector on the agenda for these talks
- Could make the export of goods to the US easier
- Limit the costs of re-approving equipment for each market



Thank you