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- Lobby/Advocacy
- Market surveillance
- Collection of Industry data
- Increasing visibility

- Harmonisation

- Sub-group harmonisation established

- Interested members from LMG and BTG

- Actions:

- Position paper published on survey results (last July)
 - Meetings with authorities in Denmark, Germany and Czech Republic
 - Feedback: limited support for EU Regulation, work on alternatives
 - Similar feedback from European Commission

- Next actions:

- Keep advocating one EU Regulation
 - Work on alternatives:
 - Mutual recognition of authorisations
 - Overview test methods in different countries
 - Discuss new WELMEC procedure on common interpretations

- New EU Market Surveillance Regulation 2019/1020 published
 - Possibility for joint cooperation between industry and market surveillance authorities
- Discussions with market surveillance authorities in Denmark and Germany
 - Several options discussed and proposed to LMG and BTG
 - One main idea to start cooperation
 - Support authorities in identifying uncompliant scales
 - Procedure to be started in coming months

- Collection of industry data
 - Same questionnaire
 - Now option to fill in online forms
 - Limited input
 - Input for 2020 difficult to compare
 - Some information from before and some from after corona
 - Update at GA

● Press releases

- *European weighing industry strives for harmonisation of reverification*
 - After GA 2019
- *Weighing industry needs right legal framework to reap benefits of digitalization*
 - After dinner debate on Vision 2030



● New sector documents

- Describing the role of weighing instruments in various sectors
- Inform general public about importance of weighing industry
- Finalised after 7 documents
 - Healthcare
 - Pharma
 - Agriculture
 - Food production
 - Transport
 - Mineral extraction
 - Retail



WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS ENABLING FARMERS TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES OF EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE

Weighing instruments have always been important in agriculture as farmers sell their meat and grains mostly based on weights. Hence, reliable and accurate weighing instruments are used to guarantee the right price for the products. The last decades weighing instruments are used to automate activities such as animal feeding system.

Nowadays, weighing instruments are becoming more important in agriculture. European agriculture faces many challenges with respect to the environment, food safety, profitability and animal welfare. Weighing instrument help European farmers to tackle these challenges by making European agriculture more sustainable and profitable.

EXAMPLES WHERE WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS ARE USED

In the dairy sector weighing instruments are used to monitor the behavior of each specific cow. The feed intake and milk production of a cow that arrives at a milking robot is measured for each cow separately. This makes it possible to analyse the data and making decisions focused on a single cow. For example, this can be used by noticing via weighing instruments when a cow eats less due to illness, allowing for early detection of sick animals. By treating sick animals earlier farmers can improve the welfare of the animals.

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE ROLE OF WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS

In the future the role of weighing instruments becomes more and more important. Precision agriculture is becoming the new standard. This requires monitoring of each specific animal and part of land and providing the right quantity at the right place at the right time. To do this high-quality equipment is needed that can automatically measure certain aspects and provide the right quantity. The European weighing industry provides the equipment to enable farmers to work in the era of precision farming.

Unnecessary use of fertilizers should be limited for various environmental reasons. It is currently possible to analyse with modern software and imaging equipment how much fertilizer should be spread at which part of the field. Certain parts should receive a normal portion of fertilizer and certain parts should receive less or no fertilizer at all. Modern fertilizer spreaders are able to provide this amount of fertilizer with high precision due to weighing instruments that work accurate and fast. This way weighing instruments contribute to a reduction of fertilizer use and helping the environment.

Precision farming technologies can analyse the yields on different parts of the fields. To make these analyses data is necessary about these yields. Weighing instruments are able to measure quickly the weight when installed in balers that collect the hay. This information can be stored and used the year after to provide the right quantity of plant protection products and fertilizers on each part of the field. Weighing instruments enable these analyses.







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● Newsletter

- Continue with monthly newsletter on consistent basis
- External newsletter on quarterly basis
 - 32 Subscribers
 - Aiming at increasing the number this year



Overview actions to tackle coronavirus problems

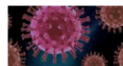
The coronavirus crisis creates problems in many parts of the European society. CECIP released a [statement](#) last month on the actions it believes are necessary to mitigate the negative consequences of the outbreak. Fortunately, authorities all over Europe introduced measures to limit the impact for the European economy or the weighing industry in particular.

The European Commission took a wide-range of actions of which many directly benefit the weighing industry. Some examples are:

- Guidance on 'green lanes' that ensure the free flow of goods and services
- Guidelines on free movement of workers
- New instrument SURE to provide financial assistance for Member States to cover the costs of short-time work schemes
- Making funds available to provide liquidity to SMEs
- Allowing notified bodies to extend validity of certificates
- Postponing medical device legislation (see other article)

A full overview of the actions for the different sectors can be found on the [dedicated website](#).

Moreover, national governments took actions in the legal metrology area by extending deadlines for verifications of weighing instruments and weights. This is done in countries such as Spain, Germany, France, Slovenia and Austria. However, it needs to be noted that the situation is changing constantly and all CECIP members are advised to check the latest information.



- Event in November 2019 on CECIP Vision 2030
- Webinar on digitalisation in legal metrology
- New event in fall 2020
 - Depending on situation

- New idea: General campaign on weighing industry
- Strategic goal: **To be decided at next BTG meeting**
- Develop detailed plan with core group



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Thank you

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