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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.



Series of documents on weighing instruments in different sectors

Weighing is present in many aspects of day-to-day life. It is an important process in numerous sectors and situations. Where this is known within the weighing industry, it is still not obvious to everyone. Therefore, CECIP published a series of documents that describe in simple terms the use of weighing instruments in different sectors. For each sector several examples of current and potential future solutions are given. The documents aim at informing the general public about the importance of weighing in their day-to-day life. Documents are prepared for the following sectors:

- [Healthcare](#)
- [Pharma](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [Food production](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Transport](#)
- [Mineral extraction](#)



New overview on EU legislation for weighing industry

There is a wide range of EU legislation applicable to weighing instruments. This legislation is regularly evaluated and new requirements are introduced from time to time. Via the EU legislation overview document CECIP aims at informing its member on the main developments in the EU, CEN and OIML. You can find this [overview here](#) including the links to the legislation.

In short, the most relevant developments concern new requirements and studies to evaluate existing legislation. New requirements that become applicable in the next 1,5 years are:

- Ecodesign requirements for displays in weighing instruments become mandatory in May 2021
- Medical device legislation in May 2021

Furthermore, a number of directives is being evaluated and possibly revised by introducing new requirements in the future. These are:

- Low Voltage Directive (LVD)
- Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)
- Machinery Directive
- Radio Equipment Directive (RED)

- Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS)

As soon as new legislation is adopted and new requirements become applicable you will be informed.



Introduction EU medical device legislation postponed with one year

Regulation (EU) 2017/745 sets technical requirements for medical devices for human use. This legislation is also applicable to weighing instruments used to diagnose and monitor diseases. Initially, these requirements were supposed to enter into force in May 2020. However, to release the pressure on manufacturers of medical devices during the coronavirus outbreak the European Commission adopted a new proposal to postpone the application date to 26 May 2021. It is expected that this new legislation will be published by the EU by the end of May after approval by the European Parliament and Council.

