



CECIP Newsletter February 2020

Invitation GA2020 in London: 3-5 June

The UK Weighing Federation and CECIP kindly want to invite all CECIP members to the General Assembly 2020 in London from 3 to 5 June. This year it will take place in the Tower Hotel on the banks of the Thames in the centre of London; right next to the famous Tower Bridge.

The programme of the GA will be the same as last year, which means the following meetings will be scheduled:

Wednesday:

- 9.00 – 13.00: Meeting with International Partner organisations
- 14.00 – 16.00: Board
- 16.00 – 18.00: Business & Trade Group

Thursday:

- 9.00 – 13.00: Legal Metrology Group
- 14.00 – 18.00: Legal Metrology Seminar
- 19.00 – 21.30: Welcome reception

Friday:

- 8.30 – 9.30: Presidents meeting
- 10.00 – 12.30: General Assembly (open part)
- 13.30 – 17.00: General Assembly (closed part)
- 18.45 – 23.00: Gala Dinner

Due to the large variety of activities in the centre of London there won't be any organised Saturday excursion. Participants are invited to visit one of the many attractions by themselves. If preferred, CECIP can support in booking an activity. The welcome reception will be a river cruise over the Thames including dinner to already get a good view of the centre of London. The gala dinner will take place at the historical Cutler's Hall. We're currently finalising the programme of the LMG seminar and open part of the GA. You will be informed about the final programme and speakers closer to the date. Registration for the CECIP General Assembly is possible until Thursday 30 April via the following website: newsletterlinks/c50b2990193b76a3daf08b7a37a0f4d4

More information can be found in the [detailed programme](#) and [registrations instructions](#).



Working document on revising OIML R134: Weighing in Motion

OIML published the first working draft of the revision of OIML Recommendation 134 on Weighing in Motion. CECIP requested this revision in a position paper from 2018 since the current version is considered outdated and there is a need for a widely recognised standard for weighing in motion systems. After approval by the CIML the work on the revision started.

The new working document is divided in 4 parts and the main changes in comparison with the current version are related to the structure of the recommendation. You can find the parts via the following links:

- [OIML R134-1: Metrological and technical requirements](#)
- [OIML R134-2: Testing procedures](#)
- [OIML R134-3: Test report format](#)
- [OIML R134-4: Type evaluation report format](#)

In the coming months comments from stakeholders on this working draft will be collected by OIML. All CECIP members are invited to provide comments on this working document by sending them to Tim Hamers (tim.hamers@cecip.eu). Based on these comments a second working draft will be prepared.



UK leaves EU: Transition period begins

On 31 January the UK left the EU and the so-called implementation period started. In practice this means most remains the same for the weighing instrument industry until the end of this year. The UK government circulated more information on the situation during the transition period. The text can be found below:

- The Withdrawal Agreement Act is the legal mechanism that enables the UK to leave the EU. Once the UK left the EU at 11pm on Friday 31 January, there is an Implementation Period until 31 December 2020 whereby the UK will still follow all the EU's rules and regulations.

This means that during this period NMO will retain Notified Body status and NMO EU certificates will remain valid and can be used to place instruments on the market in the UK and EU as you do now. OIML, UK National and ISO 9001 certificates also remain valid.

- During the implementation period, EU regulations will apply, therefore there will be no change to technical files during this period. They can remain in their current location and you can continue placing goods on the market as you do now. The arrangements that will apply after the implementation period will depend on the outcome of future negotiations with the EU.
- This means that the CE mark will continue to be required in the UK throughout the Implementation Period - you should continue to use the CE marking as you do now during this period; the UKCA mark will not be needed during the implementation period.
- The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) mark is intended to be the new UK product marking used for certain goods being placed on the UK market if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.
- The UKCA marking is not currently a valid conformity marking and cannot be used to demonstrate compliance, in order to demonstrate compliance with EU regulations the product must continue to bear the CE mark. However, this does not necessarily mean that a product also bearing the UKCA marking is non-compliant.
- There is currently no legislation in force related to the UKCA marking. This means that at present the UKCA marking does not legally exist, therefore affixing it to a product does not indicate compliance with any regulations but nor is it illegal to affix it.
- Products with the UKCA marking can therefore be placed on the UK market so long as they also carry the CE marking (if required) and the UKCA marking does not impact the visibility of this. The arrangements that will apply after the implementation period will depend on the outcome of future negotiations with the EU.

This is the situation until the end of the year. It is still unclear what the relationship between the UK and EU will look like after that. More information on the weighing industry requirements after 31 December 2020 will be sent in due course. During the legal metrology seminar at the GA, more information will be presented as well.



New metrology legislation in Norway being prepared

The Norwegian legislation on various weighing instruments is being renewed. The draft legislation was sent to the European Commission's TRIS database the end of last year. You can find the draft legislation for the following weighing instruments:

- [Catchweighers](#)
- [Gravimetric filling machines](#)
- [Continuous totalisers](#)

- [Discontinuous weighing instruments](#)
- [Non-automatic weighing instruments](#)

CECIP provided minor comments on this legislation. The legislation will now follow the official procedures in Norway before it will be published.



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