



CECIP Newsletter March 2019

Registration for CECIP GA 2019 in Bratislava open: 12-15 June

It is now possible to register for the 69th CECIP General Assembly in Bratislava where we are kindly hosted by the Slovak association Únia Váharov. All members of CECIP national associations are invited for this GA. Please register before 30 April by sending [this registration form](#) and following the [registration instructions](#) for the hotel rooms.

The internal meetings start on Wednesday 12 June with the meeting with the associations from China, Japan and the US followed by the CECIP Board and Business & Trade Group meeting.

On Thursday morning 13 June there is the Legal Metrology Group meeting and the Legal Metrology Group seminar in the afternoon. A detailed programme of this seminar will be distributed closer to the date. Thursday evening a welcome reception takes place.

Friday 14 June starts with the CECIP President's meeting. Afterwards there is the open part of the General Assembly where we are proud to announce that the Slovak minister of Economy will give a speech. In the afternoon the closed part of the GA will take place, where all internal affairs of CECIP are discussed. Additionally, there is a partner's programme in parallel where the partners of delegates will visit a castle, winery and ceramics manufacturer. The day ends with a gala dinner for both participants and partners.

On Saturday 15 June there will be an excursion where participants will discover Bratislava with a guided tour followed by a lunch. It all should end around 14.30 on Saturday afternoon.

A full detailed programme can be found [here](#). The meetings will take place in Hotel Devín on the river banks of the Danube.

The working group meetings are only open for the respective members of the groups. All members are welcome for the welcome reception, LMG seminar, General Assembly, gala dinner and Saturday excursion.



Overview document of EU legislation applicable to weighing instruments

A range of EU directives and regulations is applicable to weighing instruments. Most known are probably Directive 2014/31/EC regarding non-automatic weighing instruments and Directive 2014/32/EC regarding measuring instruments. However, other legislation such as the ATEX legislation for products in explosive atmospheres and the Low Voltage Directive are also important for certain types of equipment.

Where it can already be complicated to identify all relevant legislation, it becomes even more difficult when legal requirements are constantly changing. Therefore, CECIP developed an overview document with the relevant EU legislation, the most important standards and OIML Recommendations. It provides information on the scope of the legislation, introduction dates and links to guidance documents. Additionally, this document is regularly updated to indicate where changes are expected in the coming years. Overall, it aims at informing the CECIP members in a quick and easy manner about the main developments. You can find the most recent document [here](#).



European Commission publishes guidance document to prepare for a hard Brexit

At the moment of writing this article (22 March 2019) it is still not sure how the relationship between the UK and EU will look like in the future. There might be a Brexit without a withdrawal agreement (i.e. a hard Brexit), a Brexit with a withdrawal agreement and transition period or possibly other options. Moreover, it is still not certain when the UK will leave the EU considering the delay given. To help companies with identifying the impact of a hard Brexit, the European Commission two documents, a recent Q&A as described below and a document published early last year that can be found [here](#).

For all companies it is important to be prepared for the different scenario's. In the November CECIP newsletter was already explained that in case of a hard Brexit the type-approvals issued by a UK authority are not sufficient anymore to place weighing instruments on the EU27 market. These type-approvals need to be converted to EU27 type-approvals. To place products on the UK market it is sufficient to have an EU27 or UK issued type-approval for the short and medium term. Moreover, a CE-mark is still valid in both the EU27 and UK.

For products that are placed on the EU market with an UK issued type-approval before the UK withdrawal date no changes are necessary. The European Commission published recently a document describing the most important situations with respect to placing products on the market around the UK withdrawal date. You can find this document [here](#).



Agreement on new Market Surveillance legislation

The three EU institutions have reached an agreement on the new market surveillance proposal as part of the goods package. The legislation aims at improving the functioning of the internal market by strengthening market surveillance covered by EU legislation. It does so by setting rules and procedures for both market surveillance authorities and economic operators such as manufacturers and importers. One of these requirements is for example that for each product sold on the EU market there should be at least one contact person for the market surveillance authorities. Additionally, this new legislation clearly states that products sold online to EU customers should meet EU legislation. Another aspect of interest to CECIP is a possible cooperation between CECIP and market surveillance authorities to identify uncompliant products.

You can find the full agreed text [here](#). The agreed text still needs to follow the official procedure for publication, but it is expected for the coming weeks.

