



## CECIP Newsletter May 2020

### **Invitation CECIP webinar digitalisation in legal metrology - 25 June**

Digitalisation is one of the key developments in the weighing industry. It brings numerous opportunities and challenges for manufacturers, dealers and service providers. CECIP believes a legal framework should be set that allows innovation and guarantees consumer protection. Only then digitalisation can bring all potential benefits. This requires changes to the current set of recommendations, standards and guides. To discuss these changes with industry representatives and decision makers, CECIP organises on 25 June a webinar focussed on digitalisation in legal metrology. It will take place from 14.00 to 15.30.

During this webinar several speakers will present their view on digitalisation in legal metrology. On behalf of CECIP the position on digitalisation in legal metrology will be presented by Karlheinz Banholzer (Sartorius) and Nick Parsons (Minebea Intec). Confirmed external speakers are Bob Joseph Mathew from METAS and Vice President of OIML and Florian Thiel from PTB and convenor of WELMEC WG7 on software. Furthermore, there is the opportunity for the audience to ask questions to the speakers.

All stakeholders, and particularly CECIP members, are invited for this webinar. Registration is possible via the following link: <https://bit.ly/2SVXSLZ>



### **CECIP General Assembly 2020 on 5 June**

On Friday 5 June the CECIP General Assembly will take place. This year not as physical meeting, but as webconference. Therefore, the time will be limited to a

meeting from 14.00 to 16.00 and the agenda will focus on the statutory obligations. This also means that there won't be any external speakers.

CECIP members are invited to participate, but participation is limited to allow for a constructive discussion. Registration is only possible via the national associations. Interested CECIP members can contact their national association which can register their delegates.



### **CECIP preparing input to revision OIML R76**

OIML Recommendation 76 is describing test methods and technical requirements for non-automatic weighing instrument (NAWI). Via harmonised standard EN 45501 the requirements and test methods in OIML R76 can be used to proof compliance with NAWI Directive 2014/31/EC. In practice this means most NAWIs meet the requirements of OIML R76 before being placed on the EU market. The revision of Recommendation 76 by OIML is currently ongoing and CECIP is closely involved in the process.

As part of the process, CECIP is preparing input on various aspects. These include:

- Align definitions of NAWI in all documents
- Allow for flexibility for digitalization and innovations
- Don't use the term acceptable solution anymore to describe examples
- Create clarity on discussed points
- Include part on NAWI's used in dynamic situations
- Clear and widely-accepted rules on modular approach
- Ensure appropriate data protection

After internal approval in the coming weeks the input will be sent to OIML. It is expected that the revision will take some more years and CECIP will continue to provide input throughout the process.



## **Contribution to Artificial Intelligence consultation**

The European Commission published earlier this year its white paper on Artificial Intelligence (AI) where they described their plans regarding legislation and initiatives to support the development of AI solutions in Europe. Particularly in the field of industrial AI it is expected that Europe can take a leading role. To gather the opinions from the public and stakeholders they launched its public consultation where CECIP contributed.

In short, in its contribution CECIP indicates that it believes AI will be an important factor in the future and that support is needed in several areas such as improving skills and investing in research and development. It is mentioned that it is important SME's are also part of AI development. Additionally, CECIP's contribution indicates that the current technical legislation is sufficient for the majority of cases and only minor changes to the legal framework are needed.



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