

Technical Officers Report

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Lots of things to discuss

- * European Updates

- * National Matters

- * UKWF Updates

European Updates

- * 10v per metre / EN45501
- * The New Legislative Framework
- * RoHS
- * Manufacturer
- * Food Information Regulations
- * Software changes

10V metre-EN45501

- * The present procedure to move 10v immunity has ended
- * Probable that we will need to meet this requirement eventually
- * Must wait for the publication of the EN45501
- * Timescales are difficult to decide at the moment
- * Advice is to meet the requirement by January 1st 2014
- * If this changes will let you know immediately

UKWF Position

- * We question the need for the transition to the 10v immunity level, but the probability is that it may occur
- * That all existing type approvals must be allowed to expire without change
- * It would be prudent that all new type approvals meet the 10v immunity level when submitted

The New Legislative Framework

- * Modernisation of the way in which directives are made
- * All directives will have a similar framework
- * Increased responsibilities for a wide range of economic operators
- * The RoHS directive has been recast
- * The NAWI and the MID Directive are being reviewed at the moment

The review of the NAWI and the MID Directive

- * New type of economic operator
- * Manufacturer
- * Importer
- * Authorised Representatives
- * Distributor

Importer

- * Shall ensure that the appropriate conformity assessment procedure has taken place- 8(2)
- * Where deemed appropriate shall carry out sample testing-8(6)
- * Shall indicate their name and address on the instrument- 8(3)
- * Shall ensure the instructions are in a language which is easily understood by consumers -8(4)

Distributor

- * Shall act with due care
- * Means that they will have to maintain appropriate documents to demonstrate compliance
- * Shall ensure that the instrument bears the appropriate marks and is accompanied by the instructions in the appropriate languages.

RoHS Directive

- * Has been recast as the directive 2011/65
- * Is aligned to the NLF
- * Responsibilities for the manufacturer, authorised representatives, importer and distributor
- * Will include all types of weighing equipment from 22nd July 2014

RoHS Directive

- * Manufacturers must ensure that all instruments comply with the requirements relating to the levels of hazardous substances
- * Authorised representatives, importers and distributors:
 - * ensure manufacturers have met their responsibilities
 - * Importers must mark with their name and address

“Manufacturer”

- * Definition of manufacturer in the MID, but not in the NAWID
- * Similar definition in the drafts of the NAWID and the MID
- * If you take the legal responsibility for placing the instruments on the market and sign the Declaration of Conformity- you can be the manufacturer!
- * Do not have to be the type approval holder

“Manufacturer”

- * WELMEC WG8- attempting to use a different definition
- * The manufacturer can only be the type approval holder
- * This will have a major implication for many businesses in the UK that use others TAC's
- * Making our voice heard in CECIP and at the WELMEC meetings
- * In agreement with the NMO on the matter

Food Information Regulations

- * These alter substantially the requirements for food labeling and will include the weight markings
- * Applies from the 13th December 2014
- * Will apply to all food from mass caterers
- * Will give the government the opportunity to simplify the requirements with regard to non-pre packed food
- * Will alter some of the minimum quantities in the PGR
- * Exemption for food normally sold by number

Software

- * The use of software in weighing instruments is becoming the predominant area of change
- * Development of the cloud technologies
- * Some members states are attempting to bring the internet under control
- * WG7 aware of the problem
- * Policy of attempting to reduce the scope of metrological control for software
- * Supported by CECIP in this process

National Issues

- * Transforming Regulatory Enforcement
- * LBRO Business Panel
- * The possible change in the status of the exam for Inspectors of Weights and Measures

Transforming Regulatory Enforcement

- * Government response to how they see the future of enforcement in the UK
- * Largely confirms the government view that reducing the burden of regulation will lead to economic growth
- * Does not clearly recognise the role of regulation in market control
- * Most of the legislation is EU- manufacturers will need to meet it if they export
- * Must continue to campaign for more directed enforcement in the market place –not less!

LBRO business panel

- * LBRO has been subject to “streamlining”
- * Now part of the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO)
- * The business panel is a forum by which business can input into the development of government policy
- * Appears to be dominated by groups representing retailers groups
- * Important to be in this group ensuring our views are being heard

Focus on Enforcement

- * Red Tape Challenge has been replaced by the Focus on Enforcement
- * This is an important channel that we must make use of
- * Opportunity to put our views which we must use
- * It is used to help shape policy
- * Easier than the red tape challenge
- * If you would like help in making submission please let me know

Enhancing Consumer Confidence through effective enforcement

- * Another government review
- * Looking at placing many of the powers of Trading Standards Officers in one piece of legislation
- * Within this there is a suggestion of removing the legal status of the Inspector of Weights and Measures
- * Already face a shortage of competent officers dealing with increasingly technical matters
- * Any opportunity for local authorities to further reduce this level should be fiercely resisted
- * Should be focusing on increasing the competence of officers to provide the service we need

UKWF Matters!

- * Calibration Code of Practice
- * This has been reviewed and updated
- * Will be published after this meeting
- * Mostly administrative updates
- * Important changes with regard to re-verification

Calibration Code of Practice

Re-verification

- * If an instrument has been subject to any adjustment, alteration, addition, repair or replacement that MAY affect its accuracy
- * Should be re-verified immediately after the instrument has been repaired.
- * If 5000kg or above this must be done within 28 days
- * If not done immediately should notify the user in writing that instrument may be illegal
- * Advise the user that they should let the local Trading Standards Department know of the intended course of action

Calibration Code of Practice Re-verification

- * If 5000kg or above:
- * Must notify the local Trading Standard Department once this has been done
- * Suggested wording to leave with the owner of the instrument
- * Further more detailed guidance in the Calibration Code

UKWF Training Course

- * This project is still under review
- * Meeting with member companies to decide if there is merit on the project
- * Likely to have a similar content but will include formal training in a classroom situation
- * Will continue to be done in conjunction with the TSI

Other matters

- * Have had a meeting with Malcolm Harbour; MEP
- * Attended a business meeting with Robert Sturdy MEP
- * This was attended by the Mark Prisk-Minister for Business and Enterprise
- * Have written to the Minister to express our concerns
- * Planning further meetings with MEPs

THE UKWF!

- * Members organisation
- * Please make use of the Technical Officer
- * Waiting to try and help with any questions or complaints
- * Let me know what you want from the organisation
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- * Use it now!