



UKWF Technical Officers Update March 2020

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Brexit

- Brexit update March 2020
- Until the end of 2020 there is no change to the present regulatory framework
- Can use CE marks and M marks
- 1st January 2021 the transition period will end and the new regime will start



Brexit

- If you use a UK notified body this will become a UK approved body on 1st January 2021
- Will need to use the UKCA mark when you are placing instruments on the market as a manufacturer
- If you are using and EU notified body you can continue using this for a “defined time period”
- After this ends you will need to have a UK approved body (The NMO) have a UK type approval and use the UKCA mark
- Hoping to make the defined time period as long as possible



Brexit

- Government have issued their position paper and wish to have divergence of regulation and standards
- If we take them at face-value we must begin to contemplate how the standards may change and how they may change our production procedures
- This will be a wide range of directives
- Consultation on the RoHS has recently finished
- It will continue to be possible to use the NAWI Directive and the Measuring Instruments Directive in Northern Ireland as this will be in a different technical régime



Apprenticeships

- The progress towards a UKWF Apprenticeship scheme is still continuing although very slowly
- We will have a decision in the near future from the NPL as to whether they will support the project to the next stage
- This will then involve writing the training material and will be a major jump forward
- You will have received a questionnaire regarding support for the scheme which you must complete if we are to move to the next stage.
- It is important to show sufficient support. This will decide if we get to the next stage of the apprenticeship programme.



UKWF-ISO 9001-2015

It has been revised to ensure and update technical corrections

- The important points are :
- If you do not have an ISO 9001-2015 Quality System you must have this by the end of the year
- The UKWF Code of Practice must be included as part of your ISO 9001-2015 system by the end of the year
- The UKWF Website includes advice on how this can best be achieved in terms of your quality manual



UKWF Code of Practice – Version 7

- It has been agreed that the Calibration Code of Practice has moved from being a Calibration Code into a general code including a lot of useful advice on verification and re-verification
- It would be beneficial to have separate guidance on the legal verification procedures and move the Code “back” to being a calibration Code
- This will mean a slight delay in publishing version 7 of the Code
- An important Guidance note will be published with advice on how to treat instruments that can be used for their purpose but have not yet been verified
- This will be done in the next few days



UKWF Guidance Note

- This covers the situation where an instrument has been placed on the market or otherwise needs verification and can be used
- Problem is that the customer will use the instrument and member companies have been made legally liable for this
- There is now a pro-forma document that you should use if this situation arises
- Must be left with a responsible person in the customers business
- This is attached in the Guidance note
- If you wish to reduce the risk of this problem you must follow this guidance



New Legislation

- EC Regulation 517/2014 on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gasses
- Article 6 Operators of Equipment that must be checked for leaks must keep records of the quantities of fluorinated greenhouse gasses used in installing, maintaining and decommissioning equipment
- Any weighing instrument to determine these values will need to be approved and verified



New Legislation

- The Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019
- An undertaker must declare the weight of a body before cremation
- Any weighing instrument used to determine this will need to be approved and verified



Weights and Measures Exam

- The Weights and Measures element of the Trading Standards Officers examination is obligatory again
- This will lead to an increase in the demand for training on weighing and measuring instruments in medium term
- This could be a great opportunity to demonstrate the competence of UKWF members- some member companies are already helping trainees on an ad-hoc basis



WELMEC Guides

- There are some new WELMEC Guides that have been published
- There has been an update to the Guide WELMEC 6.1 – Application of Directives 75/106 and 76/211 concerning the the marking and quantity control of e-marked Pre-packages: Definition of Terms
- Updates to the Guide 7.2 on Software and new Guide 7.3 and 7.4
- 7.3-Reference Architectures-Based on WELMEC Guide 7.2
- 7.4-Exemplary Applications of the WELMEC Guide 7.2



CECIP

- CECIP are involved in the production of a new Guide for the modular approach- This is an important development as CECIP will be making important steps into this process
- CECIP are meeting with individual market surveillance authorities in Europe to see what we could do to help in the future
- We have presentations from senior Trading Standards Officers and civil servants at the CECIP GA this year – which should be interesting

