



Legal Updates

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Review

- The new Directives
- EN45501
- Parliamentary lobbying
- Future Trends
- Other issues



EN45501

- This is now the only standard
- Verification procedures should have been changed to reflect this
- Continue to sell existing equipment
- Should carry out a risk assessment on compliance for equipment to the old standard



The New Directives

- Both the new NAWI Directive and the Measuring Instruments Directive are now in force
- Should be fully compliant with these
- Most challenging part has been finding out which harmonised standards are applicable for the Declaration of Conformity



Implementing Regulations

- The government has decided not to implement any of the regulations for the new directives
- They will be implemented after the Referendum if we stay in
- Unclear if we decide to leave
- Will make enforcement very difficult



Implementing Regulations

- The position of the UKWF is that all our members should meet the requirements of the Directive
- We claim to be the experts in weighing and we should be able to demonstrate this
- If you are unsure please let me know and we can work on meeting the requirements
- The absence of regulations gives us an effective transition



Changes at the NMRO

- From the 1st April the NMRO has gone
- It has been amalgamated with the BRDO (Better Regulation Delivery Office)
- Now known as Regulation Directorate
- Completely part of the Civil Service
- The official line is that nothing will change



The notified body

- The notified body part of the NMRO has also been amalgamated
- Notified Body must maintain independence from government as the notifying authority
- Has been rebranded as the NMO to ensure it is perceived as different
- Assured that the present service will be maintained



UKWF Code of Practice

- This has been altered to reflect the challenges of the medical weighing sector
- Has been endorsed by the Regulation Directorate
- Should allow our members to operate within a controlled environment



UKWF Code of Practice- High Risk Medical Instruments

The following instruments will be high risk

- Paediatric Medicine
- For directly ascertaining drug dosages e.g chemotherapy
- For diseases where weight loss or gain is a method of diagnosis

These must be treated in the same way as all other weighing instruments calibrated under the Code



UKWF Code of Practice –Low Risk Medical Instruments

- Must complete
- Linearity and hysteresis.
- Two points – minimum and at or near maximum working capacity
- Eccentric Test
- Test Report can only state pass / fail
- Can include a range of instruments
- Can include a UKWF Logo
- “ The machines identified in the test report have not been tested to the full UKWF Procedure”



Lobbying of Parliament

- Great success in the lobbying of MP's
- Many of our members made contact with their MP's
- 15 MP's came to our Parliamentary Reception and all were interested in the issues that we are facing
- New set of letters which I can only encourage members to send to their MP's
- Important to maintain the success that we have had so far



Meetings

- Several factory visits took place
- Meeting with De-regulation minister Oliver Letwin
- Meetings with the Assistant Director of RD
- Meeting with the Director is planned
- Meeting with the Director of Policy for the Chartered Trading Standards Institute



The next steps

- RD are keen to have further discussions on how we see the future role of Trading Standards
- Keen to understand how they can use our service engineers on the ground to improve the market awareness
- To have further meetings to explore how we could become part of the legal metrology system
- Not keen on “periodic re-verification” but keen to develop risk based assessment
- Look at this in more detail this afternoon



Software

- Authorities are beginning to understand the challenges for the future
- Instruments with modules in more than one country
- Concern is control of the data, not the hardware
- Developing a transparent risk assessment for software



Software risk assessment

- Looks at the ways in which software can be attacked
- The looks at applying a risk to those attacks
- Idea supported by CECIP
- Must include real risks from the market place
- Must understand and risk assess the attacker motivation



New Blue Guide

- The New Blue Guide 2016 has been published
- Did not have one for 15 years and now two in two years
- Have not looked in detail
- Appear to be an update for the NLF



Thank you