

Technical Officer's Report

UK Weighing Federation

AGM 14th October 2010

Topics

- Section 70 Reports
- Weighbridge Project
- Market Surveillance
- Baggage Weighing
- Gold and Silver Buying / Selling
- Re-verification needed
- Specified Quantities
- Future of Weights and Measures Enforcement

Section 70 Reports

- Local Authorities **must** submit!

Original Report:

Submitted by Deadline 12%

Submitted b y second deadline 25%

Submitted after deadline 16%

Did not submit 22%

TOTAL **75%**

Section 70 Reports

- Local Authorities **must** submit!

Revised Report:

Submitted by Deadline	15%
Submitted b y second deadline	51%
Submitted after deadline	25%
Did not submit	22%
TOTAL	113%

Section 70 Reports

Instrument	Inspected	Incorrect
Weighbridges	64%	10%
NAWI 30kg or under	22%	3%
NAWI over 30 kg	35%	5%
Automatics	14%	3%

Section 70 Returns

- Deadline for 2009/10 31st August 2010
- Report headings:
 - Total Population
 - Number Incorrect – 28 day notice
 - Number incorrect – Rejected
 - Number incorrect - Prosecutions

Section 70 Reports

- Business Data Categories:
 - Packers
 - Importers
 - Bulk Sellers by weight or volume
 - Retail Outlets
- Data
 - Number liable to inspection
 - Number Inspected
 - Number Compliant

Weighbridge Project

- Sponsored by LACORS (LGR) & NMO
- 20% Weighbridges are non-compliant?
- Concentrating on:
 - Landfill Sites
 - Transfer Stations
 - Recycling / Waste Treatment Centres

Weighbridge Project

- Information to be collected:
 - Operating Company Name
 - Type of Site
 - Usage
 - General Condition of Equipment
 - Does Equipment Comply with Regulations
 - Was 28 day notice issued
 - Inspector
 - Service / Maintenance Provider

Weighbridge Project

- Initial Visits April – October 2010
- Second Visit April – October 2011
- Compare results and draw conclusions

Market Surveillance

UK Data

Retail- 7 Instruments purchased and tested

- 71% Failure (5)
- Follow up by notified body
- Writing to notified body
- Visit to manufacturer or importer

Market Surveillance

CECIP Data

Retail/Light Industrial –

- 33 Instruments tested and purchased
- 94% Failure (31)
- Follow up by contact with member state

Where next?

Baggage Weighers

- Passenger weighs bag before check-in (fee paid)
- if overweight, passenger anticipates surcharge
- Airline charge after weighing at check in
- Original weigher - not controlled
 - no T.A.C needed
 - no verification

Gold and Silver sales

- NMO Guidance Note: July 2010
- If buying /selling by weight must use class II or class I instrument
- If using other than class II or class I the trader must cease using the scale and replace
- Guidance produced by NMO, LGR and TSI

Specified Quantities

- 2008: EC abolishes specified quantities for pre-packed goods
- 2009: Specified quantities abolished in the UK-including unwrapped bread
- Oct 2009: Govt. announces specified quantities for unwrapped bread to be abolished from 1/4/10
- Jan 2010: Govt. confirms date of 1/4/10 then announces delay until 1/10/2010
- Sept 2010: Govt. announces legislation is abandoned

Future of Weights and Measures Enforcement

- Metrology seminar cancelled
- Consumer Direct Functions to TSD,s
- OFT Functions to TSD,s
- Government spending review 20/10/2010
- 100,000 local government posts to go

Future of Weights and Measures Enforcement

- Fewer TSO,s
- No Kudos in enforcing weights and measures
- No penalty for failing to enforce the legislation
- No penalty for failing to report to the NMO
- LG Regulation- no money for the metrology policy officer

UKWF In-service control proposal

- Register of service /maintenance providers
- Standard calibration routine
- Records to be maintained
- Equipment to be marked
- TSD audits , registered service/maintenance provider
- No need for routine inspection of weighing equipment.