

Report 2024 –



Dutch Association of Suppliers of Weighing Instruments.

In Dutch Association of Suppliers of Weighing Instruments over 40 companies are represented. The diversity between the members is very large, ranging from store weighing scales of a few kg to vehicle weighbridges with a weighing capacity exceeding 100,000 kg and from laboratory weighing scales to automated dosing installations in factories.

These large differences between the members makes it almost impossible to get a picture of trends in turnover figures of the weighing instruments industry through a member consultation.

I do have some general figures for 2024, the economy in the Netherlands grew by 0.9%, this is not much, but considering the rest of Europe this was not bad either. On the other hand, inflation was on the high side at 3.3%.

Therefore, I cannot present more information about economic figures of the weighing instruments industry for the Dutch market.

Instead I will briefly describe how legal metrology is organized in the Netherlands and what the Dutch Association of Suppliers of Weighing Instruments does deal with.

The regulation and market surveillance of measuring instruments in the Netherlands falls under the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The ministry's focus is on consumer protection and fair trade. As far as I know, the Ministry of Economic Affairs employs only a few people in the Metrology Department, the market surveillance tasks are delegated to “Rijksinspectie Digitale Infrastructuur”, which is a separate government organization.

The granting of authorizations to place and maintain measuring instruments on the market is delegated to the “Nederlands Meet Instituut”, which is a commercial company.

Twice a year there is a consultation between the Dutch Association of Suppliers of Weighing Instruments on the one side and the Ministry of Economic Affairs on the other, with the Ministry being assisted by “Rijksinspectie Digitale Infrastructuur” and the “Nederlands Meet Instituut” for delegated tasks.

The main topics discussed during these consultation meetings are:

- The Metrological developments in Europe
- The bottlenecks found in the market surveillance of measuring instruments in use
- Our continuing concern about delegating government tasks to a commercial company
- How do we keep the Dutch Metrological system affordable for our customers

These meetings are generally constructive and run in a good open atmosphere.

May 2025, Ad Pijnenburg Chairman of Dutch Association of Suppliers of Weighing Instruments.