

Technical Officers Update
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- Working on a potential new Code of Practice for UKWF members.
- Possible new training course.
- The new PRAM Act (Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025)
- European Legislation.
- UKWF / CTSI Training

#### Potential New UKWF Code of Practice



- To establish other stake-holders confidence in UKWF members to ensure compliance of weighing instruments
- Improve customer confidence.
- Allow Trading Standards Officers to focus on higher-risk areas.
- Offer UKWF members a competitive advantage and added value.
- Helps us meet the first 3 of the 6 strategic aims
  - To uphold and represent the highest standards
     Documenting the way, we are working, and supporting members commercial growth through service excellence
  - To provide advice
     Supporting our members with clearer definition on inspection and calibration
  - To be the expert voice
    - Elevating the profile of UKWF members through visible ownership of legal metrology and its implementation

### Potential New UKWF Code of Practice



- The title has been changed to the "Code of Practice for the Inspection and Calibration of Non-automatic Weighing Instruments"
- Addition of the word inspection in conjunction with calibration.
- Adding 'inspection' does not increase the work carried out by many of our members but allows it to be demonstratable to customers and the authorities.
- UKWF members will need to determine compliance with legal requirements.
- Records of the testing can be via a separate certificate, or by comments within the calibration certificate/service report (offering flexibility to members).

## Potential New UKWF Code of Practice



# MARKINGS, INSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS TO BE RECORDED FOR A WEIGHING INSTRUMENT USED FOR A REGULATED PURPOSE

	NOTES OR COMMENTS
CE MARKING OR UKCA	
MARKING	
THE M MARK (SUPPLEMENTARY	
METROLGY MARK)	
IDENTIFCATION NUMBER OF	
THE NOTIFIED OR APPROVED	
BODY	
THE NUMBER OF THE TYPE	
EXAMIANTION CERTIFICATE	
MANUFACTURERS NAME AND	
ADDRESS	
THE ACCURACY CLASS (CLASS	
1,11, 111, 1111)	
MAXIMUM CAPACITY	
MINIMUM CAPACITY	
VERIFICATION SCALE (e)	
IS THE INSTRUMENT LEVEL?	
ARE THE PRINTED OR STORED	
VALUES ACCURATE AND	
LEGIBLE?	
ARE THE SECURITY SEALS	
INTACT?	

## Possible new training in conjunction with CTSI



- CTSI run a course Business Certificate of Competence.(BCC)
- The course is for product safety.
- To expand this to cover legal metrology.
- The course is designed for businesses to understand and apply legal requirements that cover the products the pack or produce.
- Additional instruction in specific sectors.
- Aimed at all businesses that work within the legal metrology frameworks that operate in the UK.
- Initial and final "in person" modules.
- Covers the request from members that we increase the awareness of the importance of weighing to our customers.
- To be designed and operated by both UKWF and CTSI

## Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025.



- This now on the statute book
- It is enabling legislation that allows further regulations to be made.
- The authority to make regulations for metrology is quite limited
  - Units of measurement
  - The quantities in which goods must or may be marketed in the UK
  - The units of measure that must be used to express such quantities
- Appears to limit the scope for dealing with new technologies and machine learning.
- New Guidance that clarifies that NAWI's used for the purposes of packaged goods must be approved and verified

#### **European Legislation**



- The EU's Omnibus IV has been published.
- Aims to simplify EU product legislation
  - Digital by default
  - Digital Product Passport
  - Some aspect of common specifications (for products not using harmonized standards)
  - Reduced obligations for SME's and MID-caps
  - Updates to product specification
  - https://single-marketeconomy.ec.europa.eu/publications/digitalisation-andalignment-common-specifications en

#### **European Legislation-CECIP**



- Continuing review of the NAWI and the MID Directives-call for evidence
  - Possible to include non-automatic and automatic weighing instruments in one Directive
  - To include module H and H1 for NAWI's
- Position paper on the use of modular certificates
- Drafting a position paper on the possibility of remote verification
- Continue to work with WELMEC Working Groups
  - The new WG7 Guides will be published soon
- OIML Recommendation on software and R51 catchweighers
- Future CECIP Webinar planned for next year

#### Other matters.



- UKWF Members continuing to offer training days to Trading Standards Trainees.
- Price Marking Order- end to unit pricing per 100g.
- Continuing meetings with CTSI and Trading Standards.
- Helping companies prepare for audits for module D and reverification.
- Helping and contributing to the review of the examination for Weights and Measures Inspectors.
- New advice note on medical weighing on the website. "Scales used in the practice of medicine"
- This is for members use and can be given to customers