



Technical Officers Update

UKWF Regional Meeting 3rd April 2025

Update for UK Legislation



- The Price Marking (Amendment) Order 2024
- Removal of Schedule 1 – the ability for unit pricing to be per 100g has been removed and all unit pricing must be per 1kg.
- Will affect manufacturers of weigh-price labellers and potentially the software that they use



- Prime focus of the Government is the Product Safety and Metrology Bill- now in the 2nd Reading in the Commons.
- Still disappointing that Lord Frost was delaying the bill over the pint !!

Update for UK Legislation



- Product Safety and Metrology Bill.
- Still too focused on product and not thinking about machine learning and AI that us beginning to enter the market.
- The new EU Machinery Regulations use the term “self evolving behaviours”.
- The drafts of the OIML D31 on software use the terms “dynamic modules”.
- These ideas and notions are not being discussed by the UK Government for weighing and measuring .
- Will keep pushing for this.



Update for EU Legislation

- The AI Act (EC Regulation 2024/1689).
- This has been reviewed by CECIP and independently by WELMEC WG7 and it is felt the legal metrology will not fall under this.



- Cyber-Resilience Act (EC Regulation 2024/2847).
- May have a problem of two notified bodies.
- Likely that any weaknesses will sit in the generic software.
- Will make software separation more significant.
- Partly addressed in the revised Guides under WELMEC 7.

Update for EU Legislation



- The Guides under WELMEC 7 have been revised.
- Intended to make them easier to use.
- Intended to have no material change.
- Webinar on 9th April on the changes and how they may affect us.
- Regulation 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste.
- The regulation includes provisions for packaging recycling, packaging minimization and labelling to facilitate consumer recycling efforts. In addition, the existing chemical restrictions on heavy metals in packaging have been enhanced to include requirements for PFAS



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- Considering extending the range of the UKWF Code of Practice.
- It is planned that will make the work that we carry out for customers more like an inspection.
- The longer goal is to make members be seen in the same light as Trading Standards Officers.
- Would cover work that it is likely that we are already covering – question of recording the work.
- The detail proposals will be shared in the next few weeks.
- Will have an on-line meeting to canvass members for input.
- We are working with Hertfordshire County Council to have a Primary Authority.
- May be able to “badge” the new Code with their logo.

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- Technical change to the Code which will be implemented.
- In certain cases, the results of a calibration may be within the legal maximum permissible error or outside and this is not clear to the customer.
- This was brought to our attention by Trading Standards Officers.
- New instruction: If the indication of the instrument is not the same as the load applied.
- It must be noted that the instrument **may** be outside of the legally allowed MPE.

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- Have recently had a meeting with a Northern Ireland MP to discuss changes and developments to the BREXIT laws around trade.
- Very successful and will hopefully work with them again in the future.
- Meeting with representatives of the EU Commission to discuss the EU projects on on-line trading and legislative developments in member states.
- Court case in Germany regarding the use of digital forms of conformity assessment marks.
- Working with members to ensure that they have the right quality systems and training for their self-verification systems.

