

President Report 2024 the Netherlands

Activities of VLW (Dutch Weighing Association):

No big changes in the market, the amount of companies active on the market is stable.

No big growth or decreases financially.

- For some years we addressed our concern about the takeover of NMI(Dutch notified body). NMI provides the qualification for, the legal base for private companies to do reverification in Holland, as well as CE Certification for initial verification. Our concerns are the quality of the service(providing the qualification and certification) and the prices for this service, since the takeover is a private equity company, driven by revenue.
- Although we no longer have a formal way of working together with RDI(Dutch market Surveillance), we work together well informally. Our collaborate goal is to improve the quality of the weighing instruments on the market. There has been a project for a special sector, recycling companies that own heavy weighing equipment. Market Surveillance found with their inspections that a higher percentage of equipment doesn't work properly or are not according to the regulations in this sector. Some companies from VLW helped to identify problems, with this sector.
- Just recently a project has been launched to analyse the responsibilities of a company that performs an initial verification. In the case that they are not the manufacturer but hold a modular approval, for the equipment. We are doing this project together with RDI. (Dutch market Surveillance)