



UK Weighing Federation Newsletter

The latest news from the UKWF and the Weighing Industry

This month has seen a number of "firsts" for the Federation. The first UKWF Board Meeting chaired by our new President set out our new Marketing plan and agreed a new Chair of our Marketing Group. The UKWF participated in the first online CECIP AGM and we are introducing the first of our Members Webinars.

Upcoming Events

In addition to our half yearly get togethers in March and October, we're introducing two **webinars** each year to catch up between meetings. These Webinars will give us the chance to keep in touch with our membership and provide regular updates from the UK Weighing Federation.

16th July 2020 - Webinar "Our vision for the UKWF"

Our first webinar will be on Thursday 16 July at 11am. Please join us to hear more about the recent changes and meet the UKWF team. We will share more about our vision for the Federation moving forward, and how the marketing plans will shape up in the coming months.

Watch out for an invite to our first webinar which will be sent out in the next few days.

8th October 2020 - UKWF Regional Meeting (Online)

20th January 2021 - Webinar on Compatibility of Modules

18th March 2021 - UKWF AGM and Regional Meeting, York, UK

UKWF and Weighing Industry News

1. New UKWF President

Following the AGM back in April, Graham Spink has now settled in as our new President and has hit the ground running during what has been a challenging time for our industry.

Graham has worked in the weighing industry for more than 20 years since starting as an apprentice at AWM in 1997. He took a short hiatus from weighing to gain a Physics degree at Edinburgh University before returning to become AWM Sales Manager in 2005. Graham was then appointed Managing Director in 2013.

There really isn't an area of weighing that Graham hasn't worked in or overseen during his time at AWM, including repairs, calibrations, hardware design, software project management, ISO, NAWI verifications, and the day to day management of the business.

Graham believes that it is now more important than ever for the industry to come together to strengthen and grow our Federation, as we navigate through - and out the other side of - the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic challenges it will leave behind. That's why he says his main priorities during his time as President will be to provide assurance and support to our members, build awareness of the UKWF and position it as the voice of the industry and make sure we get the assistance and support we will need from the government as our businesses recover in the coming months and years.

Read the full text of the Presidents Welcome Letter [here](#)

2. New CECIP President

We would like to extend our gratitude to Nick Parsons who has left the UKWF Board to take up his new role as CECIP President. The UKWF President congratulated Nick on his appointment at the recent CECIP GA and we are confident that his influence will continue to encourage our industry to support each other in these challenging times.

We would like to thank Nick for his time and contribution on the UKWF Board over the past 2 years and know that his drive and commitment to the industry will be a very valuable resource to the members of CECIP.

3. New UKWF Board Member

Nick has understandably resigned his position on the UKWF Board of Directors. We are pleased to share that Mark Clifford will now join the Board in Nick's place and we look forward to working with him to implement the strategic plan for the coming year.

Mark Clifford is the New Business Account Manager UK & Ireland, of Minebea Intec, and has been co-opted to the board with his position to be formalised at the next AGM.

He is a CNC toolmaker by trade, and spent 10 years in dimensional metrology specialising in reverse engineering and 3D printing, mainly in aerospace and automotive. He moved to mass metrology and the Weighing Industry in 2004, spending 4 years learning the trade at Sartorius Industrial. He moved to Herbert Industrial in 2008 and expanded his knowledge to include weigh price labelers, and then moved to Bizerba in 2010 to launch their inspection products into the UK market place. In 2018 he moved to Minbea Intec.

4. New Chair of UKWF Marketing Group

Following the member feedback requested in the President's welcome letter, the board have appointed a Marketing Group to enhance the UKWF's profile and make us the go to organisation for Legal Metrology in the UK. They have appointed Tom Marren of Coventry Scale Company as the chair of this group to implement the board's plans and provide feedback on the group's progress.

Tom has worked in the weighing industry for more than 20 years and became the Managing Director at Coventry Scale Company in 2015. Since then he has been instrumental in revamping the company's brand strategy, which has seen the business grow by 45%. We are delighted that he has agreed to chair our marketing group and to bring his knowledge and experience to help us rejuvenate the UKWF's marketing plans.

We look forward to working with Nick, Mark and Tom in their new roles.

5. CECIP

The minutes and presentations from the first ever virtual CECIP GA are now available in the members area of the [UKWF Website](#).

The June CECIP Newsletter has also been uploaded.

Technical Updates

1. Regulation 2019/2021 - Eco Design Requirements for Displays

The requirements for this new regulation have been issued and full details are available online [here](#).

Some of the main requirements mentioned are:

a) Energy-efficiency requirements during use, off mode and standby mode (Annex 1: A, B & C)

b) Material efficiency requirements (Annex 1: D):

- Batteries should be easily removed
- Dismantling information of components should be easily available for users
- End of life information available
- Mark all plastic components above 50 g
- Additional marking for component containing flame retardants
- Indicate if cadmium is included
- Halogenated flame retardants not allowed
- Spare parts for components such as internal power supply and capacitors available for at least 7 years
 - These spare parts should be easy to be changed and information on ordering them easily available
 - Repair and maintenance information should be made available for professional repairers
 - Professional repairers can be asked for registration proof of competence, insurance and fees

c) Information availability requirements (Annex 1: E)

- Software updates available for at least 8 years
 - Information on software updates, availability spare parts and product support on product information sheet
 - Conformity assessment: Self declaration
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