

Latest News from the UK Weighing Federation

A message from the UKWF President, Graham Spink

Welcome to the latest edition of the UKWF newsletter and the first with our new UKWF branding!

As I discussed at our recent regional meeting, these past few months have been challenging for all industries with lots of important changes ahead.

In the last few months alone we've seen the many on-going repercussions of Brexit, the extension of the type approval transition period, NMOs announcement of its intention to withdraw as a Conformity Assessment Body and Covid-19 continuing to impact our day-to-day activities.

As always however, the UKWF team are staying one step ahead for the benefit of our members.

It was great to see so many UKWF members in person at the Regional Meeting where we had the opportunity to discuss all the topics affecting our industry face to face.

We changed the style of these meetings slightly, this time by placing a board member on each table and incorporating round table discussions throughout the afternoon. We wanted to give everyone the opportunity to voice concerns and share best practice, experiences and ideas.



This approach worked well and provided the UKWF team with lots of feedback, most notably for OPS&S on how their decisions are affecting UK weighing businesses.

Finally, we have another technical webinar coming up in November and this time the topic is legislation for scale manufacturers, and you can book your place now.

Recent Government changes affecting our industry

We've seen some significant announcements from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) that will have a direct impact on our industry over the next few years.

The UKWF team continues to work with its stakeholders at BEIS to understand more about the changes and influence their decisions over the coming months. In the meantime, here is a summary of the key changes. If you have any questions on the changes then please contact Ian Turner, UKWF Technical Officer.

On 24 August, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy



(BEIS) announced an extension to the transition period for changing CE markings to UKCA markings.

The UKWF team and board have been working on behalf of our members to lobby BEIS about the transition, particularly around getting a clear process in place and addressing the limited time period given, so it's excellent to see the government listening to our concerns and acting on them.

So what do we know?

Manufacturers now have until January 2023 to complete the transition process (rather than the original deadline of January 2022).

This means you can use CE marks, EU type examination certificates, and gain approval from an EU notified body to complete conformity assessment (Module D verification) until the 1 January 2023.

Back in September the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPS&S) announced that it no longer



National Measurement Office

plans to provide commercial Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) services for metrology products under the NMO (National Measurement Office) brand, and that it will be stepping back from the market.

So what do we know?

OPS&S has confirmed that this move isn't imminent and they will only leave the market when a suitable alternative provider is in place.

UKWF member, NMI, is currently working towards becoming an accredited CAB and if approved, will be able to provide this service to members.

We are continuing to meet with OPS&S to ensure that any changes have a minimal affect on UKWF members.

We will of course share any guidance and advice with you when we have it.

Shaping the future of legal metrology in the UK

In addition to the changes happening at the moment, the UKWF team was invited by OPS&S to share its thoughts on what a Government legal metrology strategy needed to look like to support our industry both now and in the future.

During the session we discussed how we can work together to create a legal metrology framework that is fit for purpose after the Brexit transition period and how we maximise the opportunity to ensure we have a strong and modern infrastructure for the future.

An update from our UKWF Technical Officer, Ian Turner

It was brilliant to see so many of our members at the regional meeting this month. It feels like forever since we all got together so it was great to be face to face. I've also been getting out and about meeting members over the last few months. If you would like to arrange a visit then please get in touch and I look forward to meeting you soon.

As you'll read in this newsletter, it's been a busy few months navigating through the various announcements from Government. While it may feel like a frustrating time, please be assured that we are working hard on your behalf to understand the fallout of these decisions and we will of course provide more information on this when we have it.

I will be hosting the next technical webinar on 24 November and you can [book your place on the UKWF website now](#).

This webinar will be about legislation for scale manufacturers and will include information and guidance on compliance with non-automatic weighing Instruments, requirements for meeting the Electrical Safety Regulations 2016, the Electro-Magnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 and the Restrictions of Hazardous Substances Regulations 2016, plus some of the harmonised standards behind these Regulations, plus the principles of the Medical Devices Regulations as part of the Supply Machinery Regulations (Safety) Regulations 2008, and ATEX Requirements and the Radio Equipment Regulations.

Look forward to seeing you there!



GAMBICA

Don't forget that as part of our partnership with GAMBICA, UKWF members can receive discounts on paid for events, hosted by GAMBICA. More information about what's coming up can be found on the [Gambica page](#) on the UKWF website.

Check out my latest Vlog!

Every month I'm recording a short video blog with some of the key technical updates to accompany the usual monthly email activity report.

You can find my [video blogs](#) in the members section of the UKWF website.

UKWF Board – key changes

During this year's AGM we saw some movement within the board.

Here's a snapshot of the changes...

Three existing board directors were re-elected...

Steve Hart, Richard Herbert, and Paul Moody

Our Treasurer, Edwin White, has stepped down from the board

Richard Herbert has now moved across from the Vice President role to become our Treasurer

Charles Pullen has stepped into the Vice President role, supporting our President, Graham Spink

Mark Clifford and Tom Marren were both elected as a new board directors

A huge thank you to Edwin White as he steps down from the UKWF Board

As part of the board changes at the 2021 AGM we saw Edwin White from John White & Sons step down as Treasurer.

Edwin has been a member of the UKWF board for five years and his company, John White & Sons, has been a UKWF member for more than 35 years.

In recognition of Edwin's significant contribution, not only the UKWF, but to the industry over many years, and to say a huge thank you, we presented Edwin with an engraved Quaich – a Scottish drinking cup, and a bottle of Stratheden Whisky.

We wish Edwin a very happy retirement!



UKWF Regional Meeting – October 2021

It was great to see so many of our UKWF members at the Regional Meeting in early October.

After nearly two years, we were able to meet face to face at the British Motor Museum in the Midlands.

On the day we discussed the challenges affecting our industry and sharing best practice, and saw presentations from our President, Graham Spink, our Technical officer, Ian Turner, and Tim Hamers from CECIP.



If you weren't able to attend the meeting then you can find all of the [presentations from the day and the meeting minutes](#) in the members section of the UKWF website. Our next members meeting will be the AGM in March 2022 in York and more information about this will be available in the coming months.



Dates for your diary...

24 November 2021

UKWF Technical webinar – hosted by Ian Turner

25 November 2021

CECIP Webinar – Updates from Europe

24 January 2022

UKWF Technical Webinar – hosted by Ian Turner

24 March 2022

UKWF AGM and Regional Meeting – York

June 2022

CECIP GA – London

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