



UKWF Technical Officers Report- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

# Product Regulation and Metrology Bill



- This was mentioned in the Kings Speech and initially introduced as the Product Safety and Metrology Bill.
- It is what is called an enabling act – it allows the Government to make new legislation.
- The previous REUL Act (Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 would only allow for de-regulation
- This is a vehicle that would enable GB to mirror EU legislation.
- Potentially good for the UKWF

**Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [HL]**

Government Bill

Originated in the House of Lords, Session 2024-25

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Lords Commons Final stages

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Details News Stages Publications

**Long title**

A Bill to make provision about the marketing or use of products in the United Kingdom; about units of measurement and the quantities in which goods are marketed in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes.

# Product Regulation and Metrology Bill



- It appears to give the Government the option to designate a person to exercise functions of a *public nature* -This is important as it does not prevent a private body exercising these functions
- It appears that any authority can issue sanctions - this is a specific term that may include civil sanctions
- A "parking ticket" for weights and measures offences
- When we look at some of the other projects that the UKWF wish to promote, this could be valuable opportunity

# Weights and Measures Training for Inspectors

- There is a "root and branch" review of the Weights and Measures training that is presently undertaken.
- UKWF are involved in this project.- customers of the weights and measures service
- Keen to ensure that this review is beneficial for the industry.
- Make sure the training is relevant and applicable for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- The new regulations and standards for the EU are already addressing machine learning and we must ensure that Inspectors of Weights and Measures can enforce this.
- If you have any inputs that you would like to make, please let me know



# European Legislation



## The Artificial Act has been passed by the EU (EU AI Act)

- Breaks down a risk approach
- Minimal Risk- most AI systems
- Specific transparency risk- AI systems like chatbots
- High risk
- Unacceptable risk
- Striving to get all weighing instrument in the minimal risk capacity
- Have until August 2025 to designate national competent authorities to ensure uniform application



# European Legislation



## Evaluation of the Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2014/30

- The Commission Staff Working Document on the Evaluation of the Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 2014/30/EU has been published in January 2023.
- This is very important for the UK Weighing Industry to ensure that the GB Legislation continues to mirror the EU requirements
- Also, legislation to ensure that there is consistent framework for Eco-design



# European Legislation



## JACOP Project

- There is a project that includes the market surveillance of on-line NAWI's
- They have produced a guidance note for the use of market surveillance officers which has been supported by CECIP
- Will now go and buy a wide range of different instruments to be tested by a notified body
- Report will be issued later in the year



# Earned Autonomy



- We are working on a project that will potentially give some of our customers an “earned autonomy” from inspection.
- This would be done in conjunction with a Primary Authority
- Possible “two tier” scheme of Calibration Code of Practice.
- If a customer chooses to be subject to the higher standard Code of Practice.
- The results will be stored with the Primary Authority
- Trading Standards would be able to access this information and use it for risk assessments for future visits



# POS - Point of Sale Systems



- We have had a challenge from a local authority regarding the connection of POS systems to NAWI's when they are initially verified.
- If a NAWI is connected to a POS when it is initially verified the POS must meet the requirements of the type examination.
- If the POS is not approved, it must not be connected to the NAWI when it is verified- this must be reflected in the Declaration of Conformity that it does not relate to just NAWI and the POS but just the NAWI
- If the NAWI has an approved alibi memory it can be verified if connected to an unapproved POS.