



UKWF AGM - Technical Officers Report

25 March 2022

Introduction



Three key areas covered in this technical update:

- The departure of the NMO from the UK market
- Updates and Guidance notes from the UK Government
- Updates and Guidance from the EU



Departure of the NMO from the market – Module B

The NMO will cease to be a certification body from the 30 April 2022 - this will have a major effect on many UKWF members.

If you are the owner of the type-examination certificate you will need to find another provider by the time the type examination expires.

Currently, the only provider for this in the UK is NMI, but other providers are potentially going to be able to offer this service in the near future.



Departure of the NMO from the market – Module B

Exceptions

If you have a Module B certificate from the NMO – either an old EU27 one or a more recent GB one, this can continue until the date of expiration, unless you want an amendment and then you will need another provider.

Test certificates, parts certificates and evaluation certificates from EU27 notified bodies can continue to be used indefinitely.

WG8 are looking at whether they should put expiration dates on these certificates.

Departure of the NMO from the market – Section 11A

- This applies to any companies that are re-qualifying automatic weighing instruments
- These certificates are reviewed annually, and the audit is undertaken by an approved body, but the decision is the responsibility of the Secretary of State
- The certificate will expire on the date of the next audit
- You must have a new provider by the time the certificates expires
- Currently, the only provider for this in the UK is SGS, but other providers are potentially going to be able to offer this service in the near future.

Departure of the NMO from the market – ISO 9001-2015

- If you have an ISO 9001-2015 certificate issued by the NMO, the certificate remains valid until the next audit date
- If the surveillance does not take place, the certificates are no longer valid
- You must have another provider by the time that surveillance is due to take place
- There are numerous providers for this certification – it must be an accredited provider

Departure of the NMO from the market – Module D



- The Module D certificate is the one used initially to conformity assess any weighing instruments that you first place on the market – initial verification
- Also used for the re-qualification of non-automatic weighing instruments (you will need a section 11A certificate for automatics)
- If you have a certificate issued by the NMO you must find another provider by the 30 April - if you do not have a new certificate by then it will not be possible to initially verify and re-qualify instruments
- If you already have a Module D certificate from another provider, you can continue to use this

Departure of the NMO from the market – Module D

- Other providers will be entering the market imminently
- For requalification, you will need to ensure that the EU27 type examinations you need are listed on your Module D certificate
- From the 1 January 2023, all new instruments will need to have a UK (GB) certificate – you cannot use EU27 ones for new instruments
- All instruments already on the market will need to be re-qualified against the EU 27 TAC indefinitely
- Can still use EU27 notified body and CE marks until the end of the year

Departure of the NMO from the market – Northern Ireland

- For NI, you can still use EU type examination certificates and EU Module D
- Will then have unfettered access to the GB market
- Instruments moving from GB to NI can have a CE mark + UKNI mark if approved in GB
- You can have a CE and a notified body if approved in the EU27
- UKWF Guidance Notes – Verification and Re-qualification
- Home – Members Area – Guidance Notes – Guidance Notes: Verification

OPS&S – Recent updated guidance notes



Guidance notes on Approved Verifiers - this has been updated to reflect the present situation with the law, identical to what it has been for a period of time so adds little.

Guidance on metrology changes made by The Product Safety and Metrology etc.

(Amendment) Regulations 2021- These regulations have made appropriate amendments so that:

- Re-qualification of instruments with EU27 TEC's is now allowed
- Changes to the format of the crown stickers - must now include a number assigned to them by the Secretary of State from the list which is available on the OPS&S website
- A crown sticker QNIG – (Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods)

OPS&S – Recent updated guidance notes



Updates on the Guidance notes for both NAWI and MID for both GB and NI

Non-automatic weighing machines and printed receipts in retail

- This is a recent set of guidance which appears to override the essential requirement relating to price-computing instruments

“Price computing instrument may perform functions other than per-article weighing and price computation only if all related transactions are printed clearly and unambiguously and are conveniently arranged on a ticket or label for the customer”

- Removes the obligation that a print-out be produced each time a non-automatic weighing instrument is used for trade

*Ongoing discussions as to whether this means that a price computing instrument needs to be able to print a ticket for type-examination - unlikely to apply in NI.

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- WELMEC WG5. Market surveillance – the group is still working on cross-border cooperation
- They have completed a survey to try and understand the different re-verification certifications and procedures that take place in different member states
- WELMEC WG7 – an extra extension has been put into the Guide 7.2 for operating systems . This is a positive step but unclear how it will work for the future in GB
- There is a small working group to review the entire Guide 7.2 to see if it fit for the future
- Continues to be a working group on new technologies for software
- WG8 –Discussion on whether there should be an expiration dates on test certificates, parts certificates and evaluation certificates

In other news...



CECIP seminar 30 March online 14-00 to 15-30

- Introduction WELMEC – Marc Wouters (WELMEC vice-chair & Belgian ministry of Economy)
- WELMEC Guide 2 on the common application – Karlheinz Banholzer (LMG President & Sartorius)
- WELMEC Guide 8.8 – Roy Scholten (NMI)
- WELMEC Guide 7.2 on software & 7.6 on risk assessments in software – Ian Turner (CECIP LMG Vice-President & UKWF) and Julian Haller (LMG member & Sartorius)
- WELMEC Guides 6 on prepackages – Massimo Mai (LMG member & Antonio Mai)

CECIP General Assembly 22-24 June

CECIP seminar and the GA - excellent opportunity to see what CECIP does for you

In other news...



- In the process of organising a meeting with the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) to find ways to work together.
- Considering how we can formalise an ad-hoc relationship with Trading Standards in terms of offering them training and experience on different types of weighing instruments. This could bring us more central to the legal metrology infrastructure.
- Still waiting to hear about the Government's proposed investigation into the benefits of Imperial Measures.
- Working on the development of procedures and instructions for the UKMB.