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International cooperation weighing industry associations

The cooperation between CECIP and its international partner organisations from China (CWIA), Japan (JMIF) and US (SMA) was strengthened further last year. Even though it wasn't possible to organise physical meetings, conference calls took place to exchange information and discuss OIML activities. This resulted in several actions.

As presented during the last CIML, the aim was to provide joint comments on behalf of all organisations to speak with one industry voice. Joint comments were given on OIML R134 and R51. The experiences are now being evaluated to improve the process for the future. Information on legal metrology developments in different regions was shared between the partners during the calls and via the bi-annual 'Global Weighing Industry Newsletter'.

Finally, discussions started on organising a global weighing conference that brings together all stakeholders from industry to authorities and discuss key developments in legal, applied and scientific metrology. The organisation of this conference is still in an early phase and will be developed further in the coming year. All CIML members will be invited to this event as soon as more information is available.

Impact COVID-19 on European weighing industry

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was also significant for the European weighing industry. In the beginning of the pandemic the impact was limited to supply chain problems and not being able to source components from overseas. Later, when the COVID-19 virus spread in Europe, CECIP members were affected in others ways as well. For example, weighing companies weren't allowed on the premises of their customers to carry out services. Additionally, depending on the region and country production had to be stopped for a limited period of time. Employees had to work from home and many are still doing so. In the late spring most measures were turned back and business operations were relatively normal, while still taking into account the different measures in place.

At the moment of writing this report (end-September) the situation is slowly getting worse in most European countries. Production is continuing and services are being carried out at customers' facilities. However, it is still uncertain what will happen this fall and what will be the impact on the European weighing industry.

CECIP Vision 2030

With the start of the new decade CECIP published its vision for 2030. It describes the key developments and wishes for the next 10 years. One of the points is the full support to the work of OIML to further harmonise the world of legal metrology.

Moreover, two of the essential parts focus on harmonisation and digitalisation. CECIP is convinced that further harmonisation at EU and global level will reduce unnecessary costs, increase quality of weighing and improve services provided to users. Particularly in the area of reverifications more should be done to harmonise requirements and procedures.

Secondly, due to digitalisation many changes are expected that create new weighing instruments, solutions and services. This will be beneficial for society and industry. To reap the full benefits of digitalisation CECIP believes the right legal framework to encourage innovation should be established. For example, OIML recommendations should be revised with the aim to not hamper digital innovations. This can be done by avoiding too strict requirements and setting rules on instrument architecture that will change significantly in the coming years.

At the same time research projects such as MetrologyCloud, Digital Certificates of Conformity and SmartCom are vital to establish standards and procedures to further digitalise the metrology world. CECIP members actively contribute to these projects and fully support these types of projects.

These points and others are described in more detail in the CECIP Vision 2030 which can be found [here](#).

Webinars/events organised by CECIP

The weighing industry faces a number of challenges and opportunities. Examples include changes related to digitalisation, harmonisation and competition with uncompliant instruments. These are discussed internally and CECIP presented its view via its Vision 2030. However, these topics deserve also a thorough discussion with other stakeholders on how to deal with these in the future. CECIP considers it is important that the problems are approached from different angles to find the best way forward. Therefore, CECIP organised two events in the last year where authorities and industry were invited to discuss key issues. One dinner debate in Brussels on the CECIP Vision 2030 and one webinar on 'Digitalisation in Legal Metrology'.

Considering the positive experiences CECIP intends to continue the organisation of webinars on a wide-range of topics. All OIML members and their colleagues are invited to participate in the webinars and events.

The next webinar will take place in the fall of this year and focusses on data security in legal metrology. Confirmed speakers include OIML Vice President and METAS Vice Director Bob Joseph Mathew, NSAI (Ireland) Head of Legal Metrology Paul Turner and CECIP President and deputy CSO of Minebea Intec Nick Parsons.

Registration will be possible soon via the [CECIP website](#). Furthermore, future events will be announced via the website.

Revision of OIML Recommendation 106 – Automatic rail-weighbridges

OIML Recommendation 106 (R106) on automatic rail weighbridges has been published in 2011. Since then, the market and use of these weighbridges changed. CECIP believes this makes it necessary to revise OIML R106 to make it ready for the future. There are various descriptions that turn out to be not as clear as they were probably intended to be. This frequently provides problems in discussions between different stakeholders.

CECIP raised the issue with OIML and the next step would be to find a convenor that is willing to take the lead on this revision and work on a project proposal. Therefore, CECIP calls on the OIML Member States to identify a suitable convenor for the potential revision of OIML R106 at the CIML meeting. The European weighing industry is always willing to provide support on this revision.

You can find the full CECIP position paper on the revision of OIML R106 [here](#).