Directive 2014/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of nonautomatic weighing instruments (recast) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER 2

OBLIGATIONS OF ECONOMIC OPERATORS

Article 6

Obligations of manufacturers

1 When placing on the market their instruments intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall ensure that they have been designed and manufactured in accordance with the essential requirements set out in Annex I.

2 For the instruments intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall draw up the technical documentation referred to in Annex II and carry out the relevant conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 13 or have it carried out.

Where compliance of an instrument intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2) with the applicable requirements has been demonstrated by that conformity assessment procedure, manufacturers shall draw up an EU declaration of conformity and affix the CE marking and the supplementary metrology marking.

3 For the instruments intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity for 10 years after the instrument has been placed on the market.

4 Manufacturers shall ensure that procedures are in place for series production to remain in conformity with this Directive. Changes in instrument design or characteristics and changes in the harmonised standards or in other technical specifications by reference to which conformity of an instrument is declared shall be adequately taken into account.

When deemed appropriate with regard to the risks presented by an instrument intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall carry out sample testing of instruments made available on the market, investigate, and, if necessary, keep a register of complaints, of non-conforming instruments and instrument recalls, and shall keep distributors informed of any such monitoring.

5 Manufacturers shall ensure that instruments which they have placed on the market bear a type, batch or serial number or other element allowing their identification, as set out in Annex III.

For the instruments intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall affix the inscriptions provided for in point 1 of Annex III.

For the instruments not intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall affix the inscriptions provided for in point 2 of Annex III.

Where an instrument which is intended to be used for any of the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2) includes, or is connected to, devices which are not used or intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2), manufacturers shall affix to each of those devices the restrictive use symbol as provided for in Article 18 and in point 3 of Annex III.

6 Manufacturers shall indicate on the instrument their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and the postal address at which they can be contacted. The address shall indicate a single point at which the manufacturer can be contacted. The contact details shall be in a language easily understood by end-users and market surveillance authorities.

7 Manufacturers shall ensure that the instrument intended to be used for the applications listed in points (a) to (f) of Article 1(2) is accompanied by instructions and information in a language which can be easily understood by end-users, as determined by the Member State concerned. Such instructions and information, as well as any labelling, shall be clear, understandable and intelligible.

8 Manufacturers who consider or have reason to believe that an instrument which they have placed on the market is not in conformity with this Directive shall immediately take the corrective measures necessary to bring that instrument into conformity, to withdraw it or recall it, if appropriate. Furthermore, where the instrument presents a risk, manufacturers shall immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States in which they made the instrument available on the market to that effect, giving details, in particular, of the noncompliance and of any corrective measures taken.

9 Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide it with all the information and documentation in paper or electronic form necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the instrument with this Directive, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by instruments which they have placed on the market.