
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Measuring Instruments (Automatic
Catchweighers) Regulations 2006**

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Measuring Instruments (Automatic Catchweighers) Regulations 2006.

(2) This regulation, regulations 2, 7, 9 and 10 and Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall come into force on 30th May 2006.

(3) The remaining regulations shall come into force on 30th October 2006.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“accuracy class” means the classification of an automatic catchweigher in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 1;

“authorised representative” means a person who is established in a member State and is authorised by a manufacturer, in writing, to act on his behalf;

“automatic catchweigher” means an automatic weighing instrument that determines the mass of pre-assembled discrete loads (for example pre-packages) or single loads of loose material, but does not include an automatic checkweigher or an automatic weight grading instrument;

“automatic checkweigher” means an automatic catchweigher which sub-divides articles of different mass into two or more sub-groups according to the value of the difference between their mass and the nominal set point;

“automatic weight grading instrument” means an instrument which sub-divides articles of different mass into several sub-groups each characterised by a given mass range;

“automatic weighing instrument” means an instrument that determines the mass of a product without the intervention of an operator and follows a predetermined programme of automatic processes characteristic of the instrument intended to determine the mass of a body by using the action of gravity on that body;

“CE marking” means the CE marking referred to in regulation 12;

“the Commission” means the European Commission;

“compliance notice” means a notice served in accordance with regulation 21(2);

“conformity assessment procedure” means any procedure referred to in regulation 6;

“the Directive” means Directive [2004/22/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31st March 2004 on measuring instruments⁽¹⁾;

“disqualification sticker” means a sticker the design of which is published by the Secretary of State and which is affixed to an automatic catchweigher in accordance with regulation 24;

“enforcement authority” means any person who is, pursuant to regulation 20, authorised to enforce these Regulations;

“enforcement notice” means a notice served in accordance with regulation 22(2);

“enforcement officer” means—

- (a) an inspector; or
- (b) a person appointed by the Secretary of State to act on his behalf to enforce Part II of these Regulations;

“essential requirements” means the requirements set out in Schedule 1;

“harmonised standard” means a technical specification adopted by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN), the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) or the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) or jointly by two or all of these organisations, at the request of the Commission pursuant to Directive [98/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22nd June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society Services⁽²⁾, as amended by Directive [98/48/EC](#)⁽³⁾, and prepared in accordance with the General Guidelines agreed between the Commission and one or more of CEN, CENELEC and ETSI;

“instrument” has the same meaning as automatic catchweigher;

“in writing” includes text that is—

- (a) transmitted by electronic means;
- (b) received in legible form; and
- (c) capable of being used for subsequent reference;

“M marking” means the M marking referred to in regulation 12;

“manufacturer” means a person responsible for the conformity of an automatic catchweigher with these Regulations with a view to either placing it on the market under his own name or putting it into use for his own purposes, or both;

“maximum permissible error” means, in the case of an automatic catchweigher—

- (a) when it is placed on the market or put into use, the limit of error determined in accordance with paragraph 17 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) when it is used for trade, the limit of error determined in accordance with regulation 14 and Schedule 5;

“normative document” means a document containing technical specifications adopted by the Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale, subject to the procedure stipulated in Article 16.1, the reference of which is published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Article 16.1(b);

“notified body” means—

- (a) the Secretary of State; or
- (b) a United Kingdom notified body; and

(1) OJNo. L135, 30.4.04, p.1.

(2) OJ No. L204, 21.7.98, p.37.

(3) OJ No. L217, 5.8.98, p.18.

(c) for the purposes of regulations 4(1)(c), 22(1)(b), 24(1)(c) and 27(6), a person designated by another member State,

who has been notified to the Commission and the other member States pursuant to Article 11.1;

“notified body criteria” means the criteria set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2;

“place on the market” means making available for the first time in a member State an instrument intended for an end user, whether for reward or free of charge;

“put into use” means the first use of an instrument intended for the end user for the purposes for which it was intended;

“relevant national standard” means a standard applicable to an instrument—

(a) implementing a harmonised standard that has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union C series; and

(b) the reference of which is published—

(i) in the United Kingdom by the Secretary of State; or

(ii) in another member State by the competent authority pursuant to the third sub-paragraph of Article 13.1;

“relevant normative document” means a normative document applicable to an instrument, the reference of which is published—

(a) in the United Kingdom by the Secretary of State; or

(b) in another member State by the competent authority pursuant to the third sub-paragraph of Article 13.2;

“re-qualification sticker” means a sticker the design of which is published by the Secretary of State and which is affixed to an automatic catchweigher in accordance with regulation 25; and

“United Kingdom notified body” means a person designated under regulation 7.

(2) Other expressions used in these Regulations have the same meanings as in the Weights and Measures Act 1985.

(3) In these Regulations, a reference to a member State includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein⁽⁴⁾.

(4) References in these Regulations to an Article, Annex or a part of an Annex are references to an Article, Annex or a part of an Annex to the Directive.

Application

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), these Regulations apply to an automatic catchweigher which is—

(a) for use for trade; and

(b) first placed on the market or put into use on or after 30th October 2006.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to an automatic catchweigher which comprises—

(a) an automatic catchweight weighing machine for the purposes of the Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations 2000⁽⁵⁾; or

(b) an automatic catchweighing instrument for the purposes of the Weighing Equipment (Automatic Catchweighing Instruments) Regulations 2003⁽⁶⁾,

⁽⁴⁾ The application of the Directive was extended to the European Economic Area by Decision No. 31/2005 (OJ No. L198, 28.7.05, p.20).

⁽⁵⁾ S.I.2000/932.

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 2003/2761.

in respect of which a certificate of approval has been granted before 30th October 2006 and is in force; and

(c) which is first passed as fit for use for trade and stamped under either of those Regulations.

(3) These Regulations do not apply to an automatic catchweigher which is also capable of functioning as a non-automatic weighing instrument to which the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000⁽⁷⁾ apply when the instrument is being used as a non-automatic weighing instrument.

(4) These Regulations do not apply to an automatic catchweigher which is not compliant with the essential requirements and which is displayed or presented at a trade fair, exhibition or demonstration, if a sign displayed visibly on or near the instrument clearly indicates that the instrument—

(a) is not compliant with those requirements; and

(b) cannot be acquired or used until it is made compliant with those requirements by the manufacturer.

(7) S.I. 2000/3236.