
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations update the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/186). The 1988 Regulations implement Council Directive [71/316/EEC](#) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common provisions for both measuring instruments and methods of metrological control (OJ L 202, 6.9.1971, p.1; English special edition: Series I Chapter 1971(II) p.707), as amended. Directive [71/316/EEC](#) is an umbrella measure which provides for the pattern approval and verification of various types of weighing and measuring equipment (referred to in the Directive as “instruments”), which are required to comply with standards set out in other, more specific directives in order to be traded freely within the EU single market. For new designs of certain instrument types, Directive [71/316/EEC](#) has been superseded by the Measuring Instruments Directive ([2004/22/EC](#)), but it remains relevant for a number of older instruments which are still manufactured.

When an instrument has been granted pattern approval or has successfully undergone initial verification under Directive [71/316/EEC](#), it must be marked in such a way as to indicate, amongst other things, by which Member State the approval has been granted or in which Member State the verification has taken place as the case may be. As originally adopted, the Directive specified the form of these marks, based on stylized versions of the distinguishing letters of the then Member States. As new Member States have joined, the Annex setting out these national identification marks has had to be updated so as to include new marks based on stylized version of the distinguishing letters of the new Member States. The national identification marks were transposed into the 1988 Regulations as part of Drawing A in the Annex to Schedule 1.

These Regulations update Drawing A and the related provisions of Schedule 1 so as to reflect the addition to the Directive of national identification marks for a number of Member States. As such, they reflect amendments made to the Directive by—

- (a) the Act of Accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland (OJ C 241, 29.8.1994, p.21, adapted by Council Decision [95/1/EC](#), Euratom, ECSC, OJ L 1, 1.1.1995, p.1) and Council Directive [2007/13/EC](#) (OJ L 73, 13.3.2007, p.10), which reflected the accession of those countries and the addition of their identification marks;
- (b) the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p.33) and Council Directive [2007/13/EC](#) (OJ L 73, 13.3.2007, p.10), which reflected the accession of those countries and the addition of their identification marks; and
- (c) Council Directive [2006/96/EC](#) (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p.81) which reflected the accession of, and the addition of identification marks for, Bulgaria and Romania.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Measuring Instruments (EC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.