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WELMEC WG8 Meeting

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- ▶ **Welcome and opening by Mr. Pavel Klenovský, CMI Director**
- ▶ **Adoption of the Agenda**
- ▶ **Report on the last meeting by Messrs. Lagauterie and Freistetter**
 - The outcome of the last meeting on the MID was very useful for Council discussions
 - A report concerning WG8 activity was distributed to WELMEC Committee members
 - Mr. Freistetter reiterated the remaining issues to be discussed concerning Annex I: direct sales, and marking.
- ▶ **Report on Council work by Mr. Nyström**
 - The main articles of the Directive and Annex I had been discussed; no major problems had been encountered so far
 - Discussions about sub assemblies were quite close to conclusion
 - Cooperation with the Commission was good, though there was no chance of finishing the work under the Swedish presidency
 - Contacts with the Parliament rapporteur (questions about reference to the OIML) and with the Social and Economical Council were not posing any particular problems.
- ▶ **Comments by Mr. Hanekuyk**
 - The political view was that the MID work was too slow and too complicated.
- ▶ **Sub assemblies**
 - At the last meeting it had been decided that only utility meters would be concerned. The available proposals were an official German proposal, one

from Mr. Baksteen, another from Mr. Toggweiler and also one from Mr. Lagauterie (based on the German and Mr. Baksteen's proposals). Mr. Toggweiler explained that there was no need for specific provisions, but the group did not agree. Mr. Lagauterie considered that the German proposal clarified the situation but that the aspect of compatibility of elements needed to be dealt with in more depth. In his view, criteria for compatibility must be declared by the manufacturer, checked by the notified bodies and clearly made available to the installers. No conclusions were agreed on and discussion remains open.

▶ **Annex II**

- After discussions at the Paris meeting it had been confirmed that this Annex was not mandatory. France would propose some changes.

▶ **Examination of instrument-specific Annexes MI-001 to MI-009 and MI-011**

- Each person responsible for a subgroup in charge of a specific Annex gave a short presentation of the work carried out (participants, comments received, open questions, divergences with OIML if any).
- The floor was then opened up for reactions and further comments. After discussion the respective results for each of these Annexes were as below.

▶ **MI-001 (Water meters)**

- The concept of "non-negotiated" transactions is maintained but a more appropriate wording is to be found (*Note: this is valid for all Annexes in which the same term is relevant*)
- The adjective "clean" would be maintained
- The suggestion to add 1 % and 3 % in 6/7 was withdrawn since "non-negotiated" was maintained
- Definition of Q3 and Q4: the Commission draft was maintained
- No specific requirement on external power supply as it already existed in Annex I
- Modifications in 3, 4, 8.1.4 accepted
- Proposed modifications in 8.1.2, 8.1.3 not accepted.

The draft would be modified according to the conclusions of WG8 and submitted to WG8 members for validation. Better wording for "non-negotiated" would be the subject of further discussion.

▶ **MI-002 (Gas meters)**

- Proposal to replace B + F by B + E rejected
- No further discussion on list of assessment procedure: this matter would be discussed at a general level, together with the content of some assessment procedures and in particular about conformity to type
- The proposal to introduce class 0.5 % was no longer necessary since the “non-negotiated” concept was maintained (see MI-001)
- Definition: it was decided to replace “quantity” by “volume and/or mass”
- Following the introduction of mass the whole text would be reviewed accordingly
- Energy measurement not included for the time being
- New 7.2.1 and 7.3 to be reconsidered for improvement
- Durability: subgroup may continue to work on a proposal better adapted to electronic utility meters.

▶ **MI-003 (Electricity meters)**

- WG8 accepted the proposal to delete transformers
- Only class 1 and 2 were dealt with in the Annex; the introduction of a statement similar to “non negotiated” (see MI-001) could allow Member States to regulate other classes but no clear decision yet on this point
- WG8 agreed that the subgroup could prepare a new draft with less detailed essential requirements concerning EMC
- Table 2 to be re-examined.

▶ **MI-004 (Heat meters)**

- Comments concerning the applicability of H1 to be discussed at general level (Council or other WG8 meeting)
- All references to standards to be deleted or corresponding provisions to be included clearly, bearing in mind the spirit of the “New Approach”
- Significant faults (critical charge values) to be defined for subassemblies
- A version presenting both the Commission version and the new proposed version was requested.

▶ **MI-005 (Measuring systems for liquids other than water)**

- 8.1, 8.2 Commission text maintained
- LPG extended to liquefied gases for fuel dispensers
- Editorial: “full charged” instead of “surcharged”.

▶ **MI-006 (Automatic weighing instruments)**

- An alternative proposal was distributed by the PTB together with the subgroup’s proposal and an overview of comments
- The Chair mentioned that in several letters CECIP and especially AWA had expressed their concern that the draft needed to be further discussed
- The person responsible for the subgroup then proposed to work on a new proposal taking into account further comments. He also envisaged an alternative draft with much fewer requirements. Several delegations expressed their agreement with the current proposal and could accept some amendments going in the direction proposed by the PTB but would have reservations concerning a totally different Annex
- The subgroup was asked to prepare a new proposal by August.

▶ **MI-007 (Taxi meters)**

- The paper giving the background to the necessary modifications was commented by Mr. Baksteen; several members expressed their satisfaction and thanked Mr. Baksteen for the excellent job done
- Some members nevertheless needed to check the new draft in detail with their national partners involved in the field of taximeters
- Some editorial modifications were identified but in principle the new proposal for Annex MI-007 was accepted.

▶ **MI-008 (Material measures)**

- Industry expressed their difficulties concerning the declaration of conformity to accompany each measure of length. It was stressed that this declaration is the way in which the manufacturer takes responsibility. It seemed that it was not possible to diverge in a specific Annex from a requirement concerning the declaration of conformity which is part of the Annexes

about the assessment procedure; other solutions should be found and industry should submit the problem to the Commission and the Council Presidency

- According to the person responsible for this Annex the new definition would exclude dipping measures for tanks. France and the Netherlands expressed the fact that they could have a problem with the exclusion of these measures from the scope
- The proposal included the deletion of some assessment procedures. This could not be discussed in WG8 and should be discussed at Council level.

▶ **MI-009 (Dimensional measuring instruments)**

- The draft included some degree of non conformity with OIML Recommendations. It was concluded that the draft would have to be coherent with the OIML or the differences would have to be justified. The person responsible for the subgroup would contact other members and try to solve the problem.

▶ **MI-011 (Exhaust gas analyzers)**

- The draft was generally well accepted
- One sentence concerning a test had been deleted as it was not in line with the “New Approach”
- Sweden still needed to examine the draft with national experts
- The Netherlands expressed their political problem with the inclusion of this category in the MID.

▶ **Special case of MI-010 (Evidential breath analyzers)**

- Five countries expressed their national difficulties with the inclusion of this category in the MID. This Annex was not discussed in WG8. Political aspects will be discussed at Council level.

▶ **Future work**

- Finalization of specific Annexes
- If possible, discussion on Annexes concerning assessment procedures.

Thanks were expressed to CMI for their hospitality and a list of participants was distributed during the meeting. ■

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