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The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (Amendment) Regulations 2007 ("the proposed Regulations").

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

UK

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department of Trade and Industry

4. Notification Number

2007/0222/UK - I10

5. Title

The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (Amendment) Regulations 2007 ("the proposed Regulations").

6. Products Concerned

Non-automatic weighing instruments (NAWIs). These are defined in the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3236, "the 2000 Regulations") as weighing instruments that require the intervention of an operator during weighing.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The 2000 Regulations, which implement Directive 90/384/EEC ("the NAWI Directive") in the UK, set certain technical specifications to be met when NAWIs are placed on the market and put into use in commercial and other specified applications and provide in Part III for in-service control of instruments in use for trade in GB. The 2000 Regulations consolidate earlier legislation on NAWIs (see notification 1998/335/UK).

The proposed Regulations are being notified because they have a bearing on the application of Part III of the 2000 Regulations, as well as on the application of the provisions which implement the NAWI Directive and therefore do not require notification under Directive 98/34/EC. The proposed Regulations are concerned with:

- (a) the affixing of "re-qualification" stickers to NAWIs which have been brought back into compliance with the Regulations after having fallen out of compliance: the provisions on re-qualification have been simplified and a wider range of organisations will be able to engage in reverification activities and affix re-qualification stickers; and
- (b) who may be appointed an "authorised person" for the purposes of the 2000 Regulations and thus exercise various enforcement functions under them: after a transitional period, chief inspectors of weights and measures will no longer be able to appoint non-inspectors to fulfil these functions, although the Secretary of State will have a similar power.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The reason and necessity for making the proposed Regulations is to bring the provisions of the NAWI 2000 Regulations relating to the affixing of "disqualification" and "re-qualification" stickers to instruments into line with the various sets of Regulations made in 2006 to implement the Measuring Instruments Directive (MID). The NAWI requalification market would be opened up to provide a level playing field both for all parties involved, and such that the two "New Approach" directives in the field of metrology (NAWI and MID) would be implemented in the UK on a consistent basis.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Consultation document contains the draft text and impact assessment (also available on: http://www.nwml.gov.uk/Documents/NAWI%20condoc%20.pdf)

Text of the 2000 Regulations (also available on http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2000/uksi_20003236_en.pdf

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No
12. Grounds for the Emergency -
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment Information on the impact assessment can be found on page 12 of the consultation document.
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT Aspect No The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.
SPS Aspect No The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.
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