



European Weighing Industry

CIML 2014

CECIP Report

Veronika Martens
President CECIP LMG

Some thoughts about OIML (view of CECIP):

OIML is an organisation for legal authorities in countries of the world

The overall task of OIML members is:

- to guarantee fair trade for consumers and business to business
- to protect human life and environment

To fulfil this task several stakeholders must be involved and take responsibility:

- legal authorities
- instrument's manufacturers
- users from industry and trade
- (individuals)

Only if all of these work in the same direction the aim can be achieved

→ OIML has big importance for all stakeholders

What should OIML achieve in LM:

- 1.harmonization of rules, requirements and procedures
- 2.grant fair competition for instrument's manufacturers →
quality is a benefit for all participants in all countries
- 3.set up a unique LM system in the world
- 4.take care of the needs of all stakeholders
- 5.consider the rapid development in technology and globalization

Harmonisation:

➔ Discrepancies in national requirements (additional and different ones) should be identified and possibly deleted.

There are more than published via the MAA

Reasons for doing so is:

1. a need for the MAA (certification and putting into the market)
2. to avoid conflicts for instruments in use

Technical documents (1)

Rapid change in technology → what can be done for quicker updates of OIML Recommendations

a) regular update

e.g. OIML R76, 51 are from 2006;

several in the OIML listing are even older

b) duration of processing

e.g. OIML R60:2000 process started in 2010 and is not yet finished

or

can there be a procedure to consider changes in between?

Technical documents (2)

It becomes state of the art in all areas of laws and requirements that technical documentation grows and more and more deals with unnecessary details and technical solutions which by this

- hinder technical development and new technologies
- enlarge documents in an unjustifiable percentage

➔ Can OIML be pioneer and apply its power in going back to essential requirements and avoid technical solutions?

Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA):

To reach the aim of a worldwide LM system the MAA is a must → success is necessary

Therefore

- involve all stakeholders, convince them and take into account their needs
- qualify stakeholders instead of giving requirements only
- be aware of the international pressure in globalisation and technology development

**Otherwise technology will overrun all of us like a train.
Legal rules or national barriers are not sufficient to stop
it.**



CECIP

European Weighing Industry

Thank you for attention

<http://www.cecip.eu>

