



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

EURAMET – European Association of National Metrology Institutes

and

WELMEC – European Cooperation in Legal Metrology

EURAMET is the »**European Association of National Metrology Institutes**«. It coordinates the cooperation of National Metrology Institutes (NMI) of Europe in fields like Research in metrology; Traceability of measurements to the SI units; Knowledge exchange & infrastructural support in Metrology; International recognition of national measurement standards and of the Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC) of its members. Among these tasks, EURAMET is responsible for the elaboration and execution of a European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP). EURAMET e.V. is a registered association of public utility under German law.

WELMEC, the »**European Cooperation in Legal Metrology**«, is the cooperation between National Legal Metrology Authorities of the Member States of the EU and EFTA and of countries that have been formally identified as candidates for membership of EU and EFTA – whose principal aim is to establish a harmonized and consistent approach to legal metrology in Europe for the benefit of all stakeholders including consumers and businesses. WELMEC has developed many guidance documents (WELMEC guides) which are considered to be harmonised best practice solutions in the field of Measuring Instruments Directive (MID), Directive on Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (NAWI) and Directives on prepackages and are recognised by the European Commission as reference documents. WELMEC has also provided the basis for information exchange for Market Surveillance and Administrative cooperation under Article 18 of MID.

EURAMET and WELMEC, hereinafter referred to as the organisations,

recognizing that

- EURAMET and WELMEC are the two key European organisations responsible for metrology in Europe.
- Both organisations fully recognise each other's objectives and realise the complementarity of their activities.
- Both organisations realise the necessity of joint efforts for better visibility and recognition of metrology in Europe as well as in relations with third parties,

including the European Commission, in particular for pro-active advice in support of European competitiveness, the implementation of Community policies about research, innovation and technical development and for the benefit of all stakeholders including consumers and businesses, EU legislation and official controls.

- Both organisations also realise the importance of harmonised collaboration with other European organisations having interactions with metrology, such as European standards organisations, European Accreditation (EA) etc.

All the above being stated, the organizations have reached the following understanding

- Both organisations will analyse which technical activities and/or documentary work could be developed jointly in order to avoid duplication of work and increase efficiency.
- Both organisations will exchange the expertise and experts for efficient execution of metrological projects including in projects of technical assistance to developing countries.
- Both organisations will be offered the possibility of a constant representation of each other's organisations during their general assemblies.
- EURAMET will integrate WELMEC proposals for research in the framework of European Metrology Programme, EMRP, within its scope of activities in response to dedicated calls where applicable and according to the relevant eligibility criteria.
- WELMEC will invite EURAMET to contribute to the development of legal metrology. This may involve the participation of EURAMET representatives in the work of WELMEC working groups.
- EURAMET and WELMEC may arrange joint promotional/educational/technical/scientific initiatives, such as conferences, seminars, workshops, training courses and other pertinent activities.
- Both organisations will make steps towards joint representation in third party bodies, and will form joint working parties in cases of mutual interest.(e.g. focus group).
- In the frame of this Memorandum of Understanding, EURAMET and WELMEC will provide each other with the details of one or more contact persons.
- EURAMET or WELMEC may establish joint working groups for specific initiatives and actions. The practical modalities and the financial aspects of such a joint working group will be subject to separate specific arrangements.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon signature by both organisations.

It is concluded for an indefinite period of time and will be formally reviewed every two years after its signature and amended, as far as necessary and applicable, including possible development into stricter forms of cooperation or termination.

The Memorandum of Understanding may, however, be terminated at any time by any one of the Participants, after due notification and motivation to the other Participant.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the respective organizations, have signed this Memorandum.

Done at Bled, Slovenia in duplicate, on 6th May 2010 in the English language.

For EURAMET

The European Association of National
Metrology Institutes

The Chairperson
Leslie Pendrill



For WELMEC

The European Cooperation in Legal Metrology

The Chairperson
Nataša Mejak Vuković

