

COUNTRY INFORMATION OF WELMEC MEMBERS



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

1. Organizational Structure and Background

The General Directorate of Metrology, or "DPM" for short, is the National Metrology Institute in Albania, which directs and coordinates the national metrology system. DPM is a legal entity, public, financed by the state budget, specialized in metrology, based in Tirana and subordinate to the Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation (MEKI). DPM develops its activity in support of law no. 126, dated 15.10.2020 "On metrology", as well as by-laws in its implementation.

The structure and organization of DPM has been approved by order of the Prime Minister No. 144, dated 26.09.2023 "On the approval of the structure and organization of the General Directorate of Metrology". DPM is organized in four directorates, which are: Directorate of Science and Industrial Metrology, Directorate of Legal Metrology, Directorate of Quality Assurance and Prepackaging and the Directorate of Human Resources and Services. The legal metrology has 4 regional branches which are located in Tirana, Fier, Lezhë and Korçë (see the DPM organizational chart).

DPM is a full or associate member and represents the Republic of Albania in the work of organizations in the field of metrology, such as:

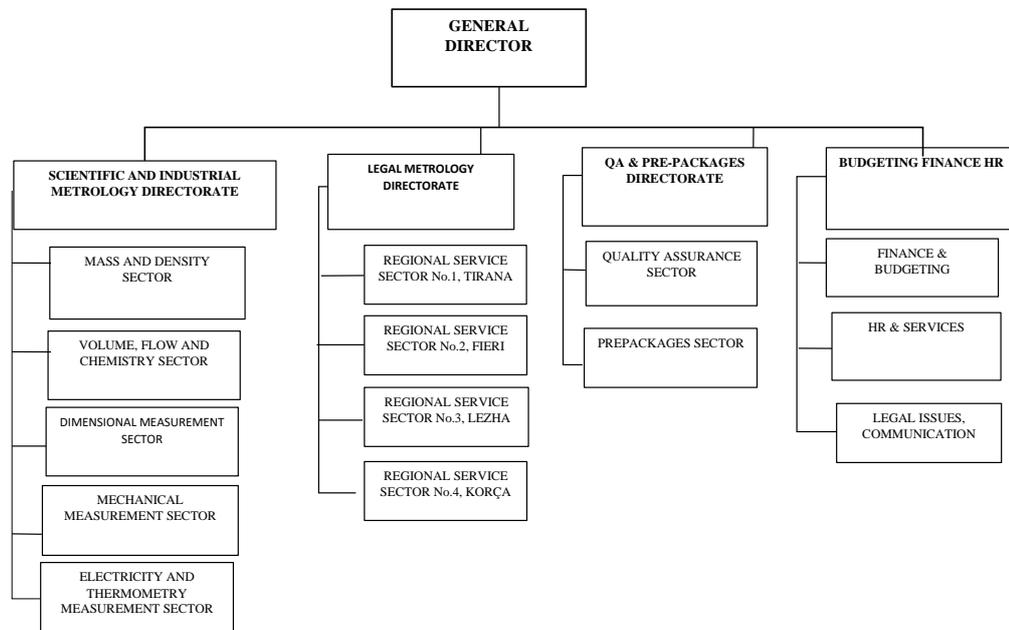
- International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), full member since 2001;
- European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET), full member since 2010;
- European Cooperation in Legal Metrology (WELMEC), associate member since 2009;
- International Measurement Confederation (IMECO), full member since 2000;
- International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM - CGPM), joined as an Associate Member in 2007.

Instruments-specific technical and metrological requirements are given by the sub laws (regulations, administrative instructions) according to the Law on Metrology. They are available here <https://www.dpm.gov.al/legjislacioni-3/> in the Albanian language.

According to the EU Directive 2014/31/EU on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of non-automatic weighing instruments (NAWI) and Directive 2014/32/UE on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring instruments, they are both partially transposed into Albanian legislation.

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DPM organizational chart:



2. Equipment Subject to National Controls with verification periods

The scope of regulation in relation to measuring instruments is given by the Decision of Ministry Council No.1351, date 03.10.2008 “On APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION FOR TECHNICAL AND METROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGALLY CONTROLLED MEASURING INSTRUMENTS”, available here <https://www.dpm.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2-RREGULLORES-INSTRUMENTAT-LIGJERISHT-KONTROLLUARA.pdf> and the Decision of Ministry Council No.770, date 02.11.2016 FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE TECHNICAL REGULATION "ON MEASURING INSTRUMENTS", FOR SOME CHANGES IN DECISION OF MINISTRY COUNCIL NO. 1351, DATED 03.10.2008, "FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION ON METROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGALLY CONTROLLED MEASURING INSTRUMENTS", AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE LIST OF HARMONIZED STANDARDS, available here <https://www.dpm.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/VKM-nr.-770-dat%C3%AB-2.11.2016.pdf>. Legally controlled measuring instruments are generally subject to type approval, initial verification and mandatory subsequent verification.

DPM also carries out metrological control of prepackages under the Decision of Ministry Council No.443, date 22.07.2021 “FOR APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION FOR PREPACKAGES” and on measuring bottles under the Decision of Ministry Council No. 349, date 16.06.2021 “FOR APPROVAL OF THE REGULATION FOR MEASURING BOTTLES”.

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For the non-harmonized regulated field, in the Regulation No.1351, date 03.10.2009 on legally controlled measuring instruments, DPM recognizes the type approval certificates which are issued in the EU Countries, where DPM recognizes type approval certificates.

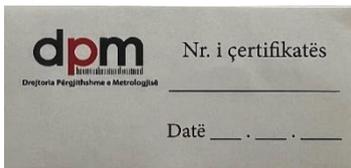
For most of the measuring instruments, the legal metrological control is performed by the DPM, while for water meters, electricity meters and road tankers the legal metrological control is performed by private entities (inspection/verification bodies), authorized by the DPM, in support and implementation of legislation in force.

There is a Common Guide of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy and Ministry of Finance No. 2, date 08.02.2013 On "FEES AND PAYMENTS OF THE SERVICES OF GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF METROLOGY".

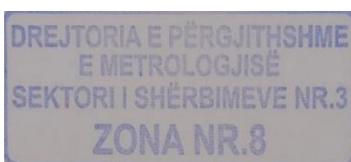
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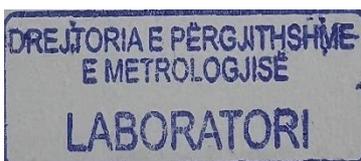
Periodical verification mark



Calibration mark



Periodical verification seal



Calibration seal



Plastic verification stamp