

## **Guidance for Business and Local Authorities on Fuel Forecourt Installations**

### **National and European Certification Requirements Pre and Post 2016**

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NMO currently publish, as WM 1001, formal guidance on the legal requirements with which forecourt installations must comply. This outlines what combinations of equipment are legally acceptable, in terms of their compliance with certificates of approval under both UK domestic and EU Measuring Instrument Directive (MID) requirements.

The UK requirements are The Measuring Equipment (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 1995, (S.I. 1995 No. 1014), as amended.

The EU MID requirements are The Measuring Instruments (Liquid Fuel and Lubricants) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006 No. 1266), as amended by The Measuring Instruments (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010 No. 2881).

The EU Regulations DO NOT apply to liquid fuel and lubricants measuring instruments which are compliant with the UK Regulations, and conform to a certificate of approval granted before 30 October 2006 and which is still in force.

- A UK certificate of approval will remain valid for new instruments until the date on which it expires on 29th October 2016, whichever date comes first.
- It will remain in force indefinitely for existing instruments in accordance with Section 12(11) of the Weights and Measures Act 1985, and instruments covered by it will still be subject to the 1995 Regulations.
- The UK certificate of approval may be amended UP TO the date of expiry and a liquid fuel measuring instrument which complies with it may continue to be used indefinitely.

After 29th October 2016 at the latest - or earlier if the particular UK certificate of approval expired before this date:-

- No liquid fuel measuring instrument with solely a UK certificate of approval may be first passed as fit for use for trade, since the certificate will have expired and will not be valid for new instruments
- Existing instruments may continue in use for trade indefinitely, and can be submitted for repeated re-verification under the 1995 Regulations.
- No modifications can be made to the UK certificate of approval, since it will have expired, and it cannot be amended once it has expired.

If the UK certificate of approval for a particular forecourt system (dispensers and POS console) allows it, a dispenser that is approved under the MID can be connected to it.

If the UK certificate of approval for a particular forecourt system (dispensers and POS console) does NOT allow it, a dispenser that is approved under the MID CANNOT be connected to it UNLESS an amendment is made to the UK certificate of approval BUT this amendment can only be made whilst the certificate is valid. Once the UK certificate has expired, it CANNOT be amended.

This means that if there is any possibility of wanting to connect an MID only approved dispenser or POS console to equipment which only has a UK certificate of approval, that UK certificate of approval MUST be amended BEFORE it expires.

**When new equipment is ordered by a forecourt operator, it is essential that it is understood that:-**

A new UK only approved POS console can only be connected to a UK only approved dispenser if the relevant UK certificate of approval permits it.

A new POS console that is only MID approved can only be connected to a UK only approved dispenser if the relevant UK certificate of approval permits it. If this requires an amendment to the UK certificate of approval, this must be done BEFORE that UK certificate expires.

An MID approved dispenser can only be connected to a UK only approved forecourt system (of dispensers and / or POS console) if the relevant UK certificate of approval permits it. If this requires an amendment to the UK certificate of approval, this must be done BEFORE that UK certificate expires.

**When a UK certificate of approval has expired, it CANNOT be amended.**

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