

## **Allow all continuous totalising weighers on EU market when meeting essential requirements**

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### **Continuous totalising weighing instrument without belt weighing not allowed on EU market due to legislation gap**

In principle, worldwide (OIML) and EU legislation sets essential requirements for weighing instruments that need to protect users, customers and ensure fair competition. All weighing instruments that meet these requirements on aspects such as safety and accuracy should be allowed to be placed on the European market.

However, this is not the case for all continuous totalising automatic weighing instruments, since Directive 2014/32/EU and OIML Recommendation 50 set construction rules limiting the placing on the market of other instruments than belt weighers meeting the essential requirements.

Historically this was done as all types of continuous totalising weighers were incorporated in belt conveyors. Additionally, for good operation and durability of belt weighers the mechanical construction of the conveyor is essential. Therefore, it had to be incorporated in the requirements and testing procedures.

However, this raises serious problems. At this moment other types of continuously totalizing weighing instruments, fulfilling the essential requirements of the OIML Recommendation R50 from 2014 respectively the Measuring Instrument Directive 2014/32/EU are on the market. Typical examples are chute weighers and weighing screw feeders. Unfortunately, due to the fact that present legislation requires a belt weigher for continuously totalizing weighing, these weighing instruments are not allowed.

This means that certain weighing instruments that are even more reliable, accurate and safe as others cannot be placed for trade applications on the EU and global market. The only reason is the construction requirements set in the recommendation and legislation.

The current situation limits the choice of users, means unfair competition and causes additional costs for the market. For users this can be particularly problematic since, in certain cases, the most effective and economic weighing solution cannot be integrated.

### **Instruments meeting essential requirements should be allowed**

There are no technical reasons to avoid continuous totalising weighing instruments without a belt weigher to be placed on the market. Actually, these instruments can only provide benefits to end-users. Therefore, CECIP calls on the EU decision makers and OIML to work on the possibilities to allow continuous totalising weighing instruments without a belt weigher for trade applications on the global and EU market

as well. Therefore, this point should be considered when revising the essential requirements of Directive 2014/32/EU and OIML R50.

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