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[^{F1}SCHEDULE 1F

Regulations 2 and 39(1)

MEASURING SYSTEMS FOR THE CONTINUOUS AND DYNAMIC MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES OF LIQUIDS OTHER THAN WATER (MI-005) (Annex VII to the Directive)

Textual Amendments

F1 Schs. 1A-1K inserted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, Sch. 27 para. 49 (with Sch. 27 para. 50(a)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

The relevant essential requirements of Schedule 1A, the specific requirements of this Schedule and the conformity assessment procedures listed in this Schedule, apply to measuring systems intended for the continuous and dynamic measurement of quantities (volumes or masses) of liquids other than water. If appropriate, the terms 'volume, and L' in this Schedule can be read as: 'mass and kg'.

DEFINITIONS

Meter	An instrument designed to measure continuously, memorise and display the quantity at metering conditions of liquid flowing through the measurement transducer in a closed, fully charged conduit.			
Calculator	A part of a meter that receives the output signals from the measurement transducer(s) and possibly, from associated regulated measuring instruments and displays the measurement results.			
Associated Measuring Instrument	An instrument connected to the calculator for measuring certain quantities which are characteristic of the liquid, with a view to make a correction and/or conversion.			
Conversion Device	A part of the calculator which by taking account of the characteristics of the liquid (temperature, density, etc.) measured using associated regulated measuring instruments, or stored in a memory, automatically converts: — the volume of the liquid measured at metering conditions into a volume at base conditions and/or into mass, or — the mass of the liquid measured at metering conditions into a volume at metering conditions and/or into a volume at base conditions <i>Note:</i> A conversion device includes the relevant associated measuring instruments.			
Base conditions	The specified conditions to which the measured quantity of liquid at metering conditions is converted.			
Measuring System	A system that comprises the meter itself and all devices required to ensure correct measurement or intended to facilitate the measuring operations.			
Fuel dispenser	A measuring system intended for the refuelling of motor vehicles, small boats and small aircraft.			

Self-service arrangement	An arrangement that allows the customer to use a measuring system for the purpose of obtaining liquid for his own use.			
Self-service device	A specific device that is part of a self-service arrangement and which allows one of more measuring systems to perform in this self-service arrangement.			
Minimum measured quantity (MMQ)	The smallest quantity of liquid for which the measurement is metrologically acceptable for the measuring system.			
Direct indication	The indication, either volume or mass, corresponding to the measure and that the meter is physically capable of measuring.			
	Note:			
	The direct indication may be converted into another quantity using a conversion device.			
Interruptible/non- interruptible	A measuring system is considered as interruptible/non-interruptible when the liquid flow can/cannot be stopped easily and rapidly.			
Flowrate range	The range between the minimum flowrate (Q_{min}) and maximum flowrate (Q_{max}) .			

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Rated operating conditions

1. The manufacturer shall specify the rated operating conditions for the instrument, in particular;

The flowrate range

- **1.1.** The flowrate ran ge is subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) the flowrate range of a measuring system shall be within the flowrate range of each of its elements, in particular the meter.

Table 1

(ii) meter and measuring system:

Specific measuring system	Characteristic liquid	of	Minimum ratio of Q _{max} : Q _{min}
Fuel dispensers	Not Liquefied gases		10:1
	Liquefied gases		5:1
Measuring system	Cryogenic liquids		5:1
Measuring systems on pipeline and systems for loading ships	All liquids		Suitable for use
All other measuring systems	All liquids		4: 1

1.2. The properties of the liquid to be measured by the instrument by specifying the name or type of the liquid or its relevant characteristics, for example:

— Temperature range;

- Pressure range;
- Density range;
- Viscosity range.
- 1.3. The nominal value of the AC voltage supply and/or limits of the DC voltage supply.
- **1.4.** The base conditions for converted values.

This is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's obligations to require use of a temperature of 15 °C in accordance with section 12(1) of the Finance Act 1993.

Accuracy classification and maximum permissible errors (MPEs)

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- 2.1. For quantities equal to or greater than 2 litres the MPE on indications is:

Table 2	

	Accuracy Class Accuracy Class					
	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	
Measuring systems (A)	0.3 %	0.5 %	1.0 %	1.5 %	2.5 %	
Meters (B)	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.6 %	1.0 %	1.5 %	

2.2. For quantities less than two litres the MPE on indications is:

Table 3

Measured volume V	МРЕ
V < 0.1 L	$4 \times$ value in Table 2, applied to 0.1 L
$0.1 \ L \le V < 0.2 \ L$	$4 \times$ value in Table 2
$0.2~L \leq V < 0.4~L$	$2 \times$ value in Table 2, applied to 0.4 L
$0.4~L \leq V < 1~L$	$2 \times$ value in Table 2
$1 L \leq V < 2 L$	Value in Table 2, applied to 2 L

2.3. However, no matter what the measured quantity may be, the magnitude of the MPE is given by the greater of the following two values:

— the absolute value of the MPE given in Table 2 or Table 3,

— the absolute value of the MPE for the minimum measured quantity (E_{min}) .

2.4.1 For minimum measured quantities greater than or equal to 2 litres the following conditions apply:

Condition 1

 E_{min} shall fulfil the condition: $E_{min} \ge 2$ R, where R is the smallest scale interval of the indication device.

Condition 2

 E_{min} is given by the formula: $E_{min} = (2MMQ)x (A/100)$ where:

— MMQ is the minimum measured quantity,

— A is the numerical value specified in line A of Table 2.

2.4.2. For minimum measured quantities of less than two litres, the above mentioned condition 1 applies and E_{min} is twice the value specified in Table 3, and related to line A of Table 2.

Converted indication

2.5. In the case of a converted indication the MPEs are as in line A of Table 2.

Conversion devices

2.6. MPEs on converted indications due to a conversion device are equal to \pm (A — B), A and B being the values specified in Table 2.

Parts of conversion devices that can be tested separately

(a) Calculator

MPEs on quantities of liquid indications applicable to calculation, positive or negative, are equal to one-tenth of the MPEs as defined in line A of Table 2.

(b) Associated regulated measuring instruments

Associated regulated measuring instruments shall have an accuracy at least as good as the values in Table 4:

MPE on Measurements	Accuracy classes of the measuring system					
	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	
Temperature	± 0.3 °C	± 0.5 °C			± 1.0 °C	
Pressure	From 1 to	1 MPa: ± 50 1 4 MPa: ± 5 % Pa: ± 200 kPa	, 0			
Density	$\pm 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$		± 2 kg/m	1 ³	$\pm 5 \text{ kg/m}^3$	

Table 4

These values apply to the indication of the characteristic quantities of the liquid displayed by the conversion device.

(c) Accuracy for calculating function

The MPE for the calculation of each characteristic quantity of the liquid, positive or negative, is equal to two fifths of the value fixed in (b).

- 2.7. The requirement (a) in paragraph 2.6 applies to any calculation, not only conversion.
- 2.8. The measuring system shall not exploit the MPEs or systematically favour any party.

Maximum permissible effect of disturbances

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3.1. The effect of an electromagnetic disturbance on a measuring system shall be one of the following:

— the change in the measurement result is not greater than the critical change value as defined in paragraph 3.2, or

— the indication of the measurement result shows a momentary variation that cannot be interpreted, memorised or transmitted as a measuring result. Furthermore, in the case of an interruptible system, this can also mean the impossibility to perform any measurement, or

— the change in the measurement result is greater than the critical change value, in which case the measuring system shall permit the retrieval of the measuring result just before the critical change value occurred and cut off the flow.

3.2. The critical change value is the greater of MPE/5 for a particular measured quantity or E_{min} .

Durability

4. After an appropriate test, taking into account the period of time estimated by the manufacturer, has been performed, the following criterion shall be satisfied:

The variation of the measurement result after the durability test, when compared with the initial measurement result, shall not exceed the value for meters specified in line B of table 2.

Suitability

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5.1. For any measured quantity relating to the same measurement, the indications provided by various devices shall not deviate one from another by more than one scale interval where devices have the same scale interval. In the case where the devices have different scale intervals, the deviation shall not be more than that of the greatest scale interval.

However, in the case of a self-service arrangement the scale intervals of the main indicating device on the measuring system and the scale intervals of the self-service device shall be the same and results of measurement shall not deviate one from another.

5.2. It shall not be possible to divert the measured quantity in normal conditions of use unless it is readily apparent.

5.3. Any percentage of air or gas not easily detectable in the liquid shall not lead to a variation of error greater than:

- 0.5 % for liquids other than potable liquids and for liquids of a viscosity not exceeding 1 mPa.s, or

-1 % for potable liquids and for liquids of a viscosity exceeding 1 mPa.s.

However, the allowed variation shall never be smaller than 1 % of MMQ. This value applies in the case of air or gas pockets.

Instruments for direct sales

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5.4.1. A measuring system for direct sales shall be provided with means for resetting the display to zero.

It shall not be possible to divert the measured quantity.

5.4.2. The display of the quantity on which the transaction is based shall be permanent until all parties in the transaction have accepted the measurement result.

5.4.3. Measuring systems for direct sales shall be interruptible.

5.4.4. Any percentage of air or gas in the liquid shall not lead to a variation of error greater than the values specified in paragraph 5.3.

Fuel Dispensers

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5.5.1. Displays on fuel dispensers shall not be capable of being reset to zero during a measurement.

5.5.2. The start of a new measurement shall be inhibited until the display has been reset to zero.

5.5.3. Where a measuring system is fitted with a price display, the difference between the indicated price and the price calculated from the unit price and the indicated quantity shall not exceed the price corresponding to E_{min} However this difference need not be less than the smallest monetary value.

Power supply failure

6. A measuring system shall either be provided with an emergency power supply device that will safeguard all measuring functions during the failure of the main power supply device or be equipped with means to save and display the data present in order to permit the conclusion of the transaction in progress and with means to stop the flow at the moment of the failure of the main power supply device.

Putting into use

Accuracy class	Types of Measuring system
0.3	Measuring systems on pipeline
0.5	All measuring systems if not differently stated elsewhere in this Table, in particular:
	fuel dispensers (not for liquefied gases),
	measuring systems on road tankers for liquids of low viscosity (< 20 mPa.s)
1.0	Measuring systems for liquefied gases under pressure measured at a temperature equal to or above -10 °C
	Measuring systems normally in class 0.3 or 0.5 but used for liquids
	whose temperature is less than -10 °C or greater than 50 °C
	whose dynamic viscosity is higher than 1,000 mPa.s
	whose maximum volumetric flowrate is not higher than 20 L/h
1.5	Measuring systems for liquefied gases under pressure measured at a temperature below -10 °C (other than cryogenic liquids)
2.5	Measuring systems for cryogenic liquids (temperature below -153 °C)

Table 5

Units of measurement

8. The metered quantity shall be displayed in millilitres, cubic centimetres, litres, cubic metres, grams, kilograms or tonnes.

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT The conformity assessment procedures specified in the modules in Schedule 1B applicable to measuring systems for the continuous and dynamic measurement of quantities of liquids other than water that the manufacturer can choose between are:

- (a) B and F;
- (b) B and D;
- (c) H1; or
- (d) G.]

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