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SCOPE:

On petrol stations, many legal indications are required, on dispensers, or in the close vicinity. Many are well defined in MID or relevant WELMEC guides.

But some indications can require clarification on:

- **Real need of indication avoiding misleading information**
- **Acronym used and understood by addressee (public/enforcers)**

The purpose of this CECOD guide is to clarify these cases.



What is CECOD:

CECOD is the Committee of European Manufacturers of Petroleum Measuring and Distributing Equipment, a non-profit association, providing facilities for its members to share technical information related to fuel measuring and dispensing technologies and processes.

CECOD members work closely with European Member States and Authorities in all relevant matters in support of its deep commitment to promote the unification of European Legal Metrology, Safety and Environmental legislation together with its subsequent enforcement.

List of members is available on http://www.cecod.eu/Site/member_list.asp

For this specific “MI-005 petrol station” guide, the members of CECOD represent the vast majority of the petrol dispenser manufacturers in Europe, and a strong majority of the sales of Self Service Devices for petrol stations.

The purpose of this guide is to remove pending barriers to trade and potentials for unfair competition in a strategic business for the European Community, even for non CECOD members.

CECOD members are willing to fight any pending barriers to trade and unfair competition possibilities, linked to a very complex existing situation on measuring instruments in the countries of the EU, made even more complicated when need came to incorporate new MID instruments and use instruments from both worlds at same time on petrol stations.

1) Domain

Marking specifics for dispensers, where there is a need to clarify what information has to be placed on dial or plate, and what should be placed on display or printouts.

When a position is taken by CECOD, give clear reasons, to avoid undue costs, risk of undue claims and misleading information to the public or to enforcers.

2) References to standards

OIML R117 (1995)

OIML R117-1 (2007)

It is assumed that R117 is a non regressive community standard, meaning that any revision of the recommendation is considered as better or equal to any prior revision to reach the essential requirements.

3) Terms, acronyms and symbols

Other terms are usual terms used in the petrol station domain or coming from known references such as R117 or MID.

4) ATC specific marking “at 15°C”

If a petrol dispenser is fitted with Automatic Temperature Correction (ATC), it is normal practice to indicate the presence of such correction with adequate marking at dial of dispenser.

→ CECOD position, explained in WELMEC WG10 is to use the marking “@ 15°C”, well understood by the public in all EU countries, and not using English word. It is recommended to use same lettering and size of text as MMQ/Vmin as much as possible

ATC information using atmospheric pressure (eg: at 101325 Pa).

→ CECOD position, explained in WELMEC WG10 is to not add such information on dials of dispensers as this is misleading and source for many undue claims and unwanted disputes when atmospheric pressure can vary (storm, altitude).

Extra ATC information:

- On ticket for customer at kiosk
- On ticket for customer on payment terminal (unattended mode)
- In memory of SSD (unattended mode)

→ CECOD position, explained in WELMEC WG10 is not place such information of ticket or in SSD memory as it could become misleading. The fact that ATC is in action is a pre-contractual information in the same way as the MMQ. On the dial, it allows the consumer to take note of the fact BEFORE transaction is engaged. After transaction is terminated, just stating that transaction was done using ATC on ticket or in SSD records does not allow for extra reconciliation nor recheck of accuracy of equipment. As such, misleading information should not be made mandatory.

This does not preclude national legislation requirements to inform consumers about ATC on:

- Front price sign of station
- Local advertising (new papers etc...)

5) MMQ marking

In MID directive (English, German, French), the MMQ acronym is clearly designated as Minimum measured Quantity. Unfortunately, like many acronyms, MMQ does not sound clear in all languages (as it is coming from English).

Some countries are clearly asking for MMQ to be replaced by Vmin.

→ CECOD position is to promote Vmin acronym on dispenser dials, probably easier to understand in many languages in use in the UE.