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**Amendments (major changes from previous edition)**

| No. | Clause(s)                                  | Change  | Details   | Date      |
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| 1   | 7.1.2<br>Annex B                           | The Chief Metrologist may issue supplementary approval for modules. Each approved module shall be incorporated into a complete measuring instrument in order to be used for trade.  | A fraction, $\rho_i$ , will be applied when evaluating separate modules ( $\rho$ being a fraction of the MPE).          | 1/10/2020 |
| 2   | 8.2<br>8.3<br>8.4<br>9.1<br>9.1.1<br>9.1.2 | The Chief Metrologist may approve instruments and modules with an accuracy class of 0.2.  | Instruments and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant MPEs and allowed variations during pattern evaluation. | 1/10/2020 |
| 3   | 7.3<br>7.3.1                               | Testing requirements for AC mains voltage dips, short interruptions and reductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six tests to be carried out at various voltage reductions and for varying durations/number of cycles.</li> <li>• In the case of the voltage short interruption, the requirement is for the instrument to recover fully.</li> </ul> | Instrument and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant allowed variations during pattern evaluation.           | 1/10/2020 |
| 4   | 7.3<br>7.3.2                               | Testing requirements for bursts (fast transients) on mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of separate tests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ mains voltage and</li> <li>○ input/output signal and communication lines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                           | Instrument and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant allowed variations during pattern evaluation.           | 1/10/2020 |

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|   |                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher voltage applied to signal, data and control lines during testing. Also a change to the duration this voltage is applied for during testing.</li> <li>Higher voltage applied to AC and DC mains power lines during testing. Also a change to the duration this voltage is applied for during testing.</li> <li>Performance of the test generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT.</li> <li>Coupling/decoupling network shall be applied to ensure the equipment being tested experiences the required transients for the required durations.</li> </ul> |   |           |
| 5 | 7.3<br>7.3.3            | Addition of testing requirements for surges on AC and DC mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines.  | Instrument and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant allowed variations during pattern evaluation. | 1/10/2020 |
| 6 | 7.3<br>7.3.5<br>7.3.5.1 | <p>Testing requirements for immunity to radiated electromagnetic fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequency ranges of testing requirements.</li> <li>Depending on whether or not input/output signal and communication ports are present to be able to conduct the test for immunity to conducted radio-frequency fields, different frequency range to be applied.</li> <li>Test to be carried out at increased field strength.</li> </ul>   | Instrument and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant allowed variations during pattern evaluation. | 1/10/2020 |
| 7 | 7.3<br>7.3.5<br>7.3.5.2 | Addition of testing requirements for immunity to conducted radio-frequency fields if input/output signal and communication line ports are present.   | Instrument and modules shall be in accordance with the relevant allowed variations during pattern evaluation. | 1/10/2020 |

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## 1. Scope

NMI R 50-2 specifies the test procedures for the pattern approval of belt weighers for use for trade.

## 2. Contents

NMI R 50-2:2020 is considered **identical** to OIML R 50-2:2014, *Continuous totalising automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers). Part 2: Test Procedures* published by the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML).

OIML's international recommendation is published in three parts and the first and third parts have been adopted as the identical national standards NMI R 50-1 *Continuous totalising automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers). Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements* and NMI R 50-3 *Continuous totalising automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers). Part 3: Test report format* respectively.

## 3. Variations and Interpretations

Minor variations and interpretations have been made to the 2014 version of OIML R 50-2 such that deletions are indicated with a **red strikethrough** and additions are indicated in **blue text**. These variations and interpretations are also reproduced in full below:

| Clause  | Details  |
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| General | All references in this document to 'this Recommendation' shall be taken to refer to NMI R 50-2 In addition any reference to OIML R 60 shall be taken to refer to NMI R 60.   |
| General | All references in this document to the 'metrological authority', 'approving authority' and 'testing authority' shall be taken to refer to the Chief Metrologist.   |
| General | In Australia 'type' approval (or examination) is referred to as 'pattern' approval (or examination). The two terms refer to the same concept. All relevant instances of "type" have been changed to "pattern" throughout the document, however this has not been marked as a change.                         |
| 7.1     | When an instrument is connected in other than a normal configuration, the procedure shall be mutually agreed on by the Chief Metrologist and the applicant.  |
| B.2     | These additional tests should preferably be carried out on the same EUT, but if this is not possible, tests on one or more additional EUTs may be performed under the responsibility of the Chief Metrologist as the testing authority or by another testing authority if accepted by the Chief Metrologist. |

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## **Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers)**

### **Part 2 – Test procedures**

#### **1 Examination for pattern approval**

##### **1.1 Documentation (R 50-1, 6.1.1)**

Review the documentation that is submitted, including necessary photographs, drawings, relevant technical specifications of main components, etc. to determine whether it is adequate and correct. Consider the operational manual.

##### **1.2 Compare construction with documentation**

Examine the various devices of the instrument to ensure compliance with the documentation.

##### **1.3 Metrological characteristics**

Note the metrological characteristics according to the test report format in R 50-3 [24].

##### **1.4 Technical requirements**

Check for conformity with the technical requirements using the checklist given in the test report format in R 50-3 [24].

##### **1.5 Functional requirements**

Check for conformity with the functional requirements using the checklist given in the test report format in R 50-3 [24].

#### **2 Examination for initial verification**

##### **2.1 Compare construction with documentation**

Examine the instrument for conformity with the approved pattern.

##### **2.2 Descriptive markings (R 50-1, 4.9)**

Check the descriptive markings according to the checklist given in the test report format in R 50-3 [24].

##### **2.3 Sealing and verification marks (R 50-1, 4.3 and R 50-1, 4.10)**

Check the arrangements for sealing and verification marks according to the checklist given in the test report format in R 50-3 [24].

#### **3 General requirements for equipment under test (EUT)**

##### **3.1 Power supply stabilizing time**

Unless otherwise specified, prior to each performance test the equipment under test (EUT) shall be switched on and kept energized for a time period equal to or greater than the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer and subsequently kept energized for the duration of the test.



### 3.2 Zero-setting

Adjust the EUT as closely as practicable to zero prior to each performance test and do not readjust at any time during the test, except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.

The status of automatic zero facilities shall be as specified for each test.

### 3.3 Temperature

Except for the temperature test (7.2.1) and the humidity test (7.2.3), the test shall be performed at a steady ambient temperature, usually normal room temperature unless otherwise specified. The temperature is deemed to be steady when the difference between the extreme temperatures noted during the test does not exceed one-fifth of the temperature range of the instrument and the rate of change does not exceed 5 °C per hour.

The handling of the instrument shall be such that no condensation of water occurs on the instrument.

### 3.4 Recovery

After each test the instrument shall be allowed to recover sufficiently before the following test.

### 3.5 Warm-up time (5.2, R 50-1, 5.5.3)

The instrument shall be subjected to a warm-up test in accordance with 5.2.

### 3.6 Automatic zero-setting

During the tests, the effect of the automatic zero-setting device may be switched off by use of the interlock facility (see R 50-1, 4.5.1). Where necessary the status of the automatic zero-setting is defined in the test description.

### 3.7 Evaluation of error (R 50-1, 7.6)

The calculation of the relative errors is as specified in R 50-1, 7.6.

#### 3.7.1 Greater resolution of the control instrument (10.2)

If a control instrument with sufficient resolution is not available for product tests as specified in 10.2, the greater resolution of the control instrument may be ensured by using change point weights in the way described below.

At a certain load,  $L$ , the indicated value,  $I$ , is noted. Additional weights of  $0.1 d$  are successively added until the indication of the instrument is increased unambiguously by one scale interval ( $I + d$ ). The additional load of  $\Delta L$  added to the load receptor gives the true indication,  $P$ , prior to rounding by using the following formula:

$$P = I + 0.5 d - \Delta L$$

The error prior to rounding is:

$$E = P - L$$

Thus:

$$E = (I + 0.5 d - \Delta L) - L$$

*Example:* An instrument with a scale interval,  $d$ , of 1 kg is loaded with 100 kg and thereby indicates 100 kg. After adding successive weights of 0.1 kg, the indication changes from 100 kg to 101 kg at an additional load of 0.3 kg. Inserted in the above formula these observations give:

$$P = (100 + 0.5 - 0.3) \text{ kg} = 100.2 \text{ kg}$$

Thus the true indication prior to rounding is 100.2 kg, and the error is:

$$E = (100.2 - 100) \text{ kg} = 0.2 \text{ kg}$$

### 3.7.2 Indication with a scale interval smaller than or equal to $0.2 d$

When an instrument having a digital indication is equipped with a device displaying the indication by using a scale interval of less than  $1 d$  (e.g.  $\leq 0.2 d$ ), this device may be used for calculation of the error. When such a device is used, this should be recorded in the test report.

### 3.7.3 Indication with a scale interval greater than $0.2 d$

If a device with a scale interval smaller than or equal to  $0.2 d$  is not available, the following method may be used to determine the error. Allow the instrument to run for a time such that the number of  $d$  is equal to five times the value in R 50-1, 3.4 Table 3.

*Example:* Class 1 instrument:

- a) MPE 0.35 % (from R 50-1, 3.2.2 Table 2)
- b)  $\Sigma_{\min}$  value  $400 d$  (from R 50-1, 3.4 Table 3)
- c)  $5 \times 400 d = 2\,000 d$
- d) Therefore MPE =  $7 d$

The error can therefore be found to  $1 d$ , i.e.:  $1/7$  of MPE.

This is equivalent to a test load of  $400 d$  ( $\Sigma_{\min}$  value from R 50-1, 3.4 Table 3) using a test scale of  $0.2 d$ , since:

- a) MPE =  $1.4 d$
- b)  $1/7$  MPE =  $0.2 d$

By increasing the test load, the value of  $d$  is less significant to the MPE for the test load.

*Note:* Any error in the displacement measurement must be taken into account.

## 4 Test program

### 4.1 Pattern evaluation (R 50-1, 6.1)

*Note:* The tests covered in clause 7 are to be conducted with static load without the belt conveyor (R 50-1, 7.3).

All tests in clauses 5 to 10 shall be applied for pattern evaluation, using the test methods in R 50-1, 7.

### 4.2 Initial verification

Clauses 9 to 10 shall be applied.

## 5 Metrological performance tests

### 5.1 General conditions

The general test requirements in 3 shall be applied as far as applicable.

## 5.2 Warm-up time test (3.5, R 50-1, 5.5.3)

This test is to verify that the instrument and the conveyor belt have reached a state of equilibrium to support performance stability and maintain metrological performance in the period immediately after switch on. The method is to check that errors comply with the requirements for a period of time at least equal to the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. It shall be checked that the operation of the instrument is inhibited and that there is no indication or transmission of the result of weighing until the warm-up time has elapsed.

To ensure that the time period prior to a stabilized indication is adequate, the instrument shall be disconnected from the electric power supply for a period of at least 8 hours, while maintaining the environmental reference conditions (concerning temperature and humidity). The instrument shall then be connected and switched on. As soon as the indication has stabilized the following pairs of tests (A and B) shall be conducted.

### Test A

Set the instrument to zero and carry out a totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$  with a load on the weigh table to equate to  $Q_{\min}$  (nominally 20 % of Max) for fixed speed belt weighers or 20 % of Max for variable speed and multi-speed belt weighers at maximum belt speed. Note the totalization and the exact duration of the test (normally a preset number of pulses).

*Note:* In Test A the percentage of Max is derived from R 50-1, 3.5 and although nominally 20 %, it may be exceeded in certain cases.

### Test B

Immediately carry out a totalization at maximum capacity (Max) for exactly the same duration, and for variable and multi-speed belt weighers the same maximum speed and number of pulses used in Test A. Note the totalization.

Repeat tests A and B above consecutively with a time interval between each pair of tests to obtain not less than three pairs of totalizations in a total time as close as possible to 30 minutes.

Calculation of error shall be made in accordance with 3.7.3. The relative error, expressed as a percentage, shall not be greater than the maximum permissible error for the influence factor tests (R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2) appropriate for the class.

## 5.3 Product tests control method (R 50-1, 7.1)

The product tests are conducted as indicated in clause 10 and in R 50-1, 7.

This separate control instrument is used to weigh the product either before or after it is weighed on the belt weigher. The separate control instrument used for product testing shall comply with the requirements of R 50-1, 7.2.1.

The error for automatic weighing is calculated in accordance with R 50-1, 7.6 for in-situ tests. When calculating the error, it is necessary to consider the scale interval of the indicating device of the control instrument.

## 5.4 Simulation tests with static load (R 50-1, 7.3)

### 5.4.1 Variation of simulation speed (R 50-1, 3.7.1)

Simulate the belt run or operate the displacement simulation device and allow it to stabilize. Carry out each test over the same integral number of simulated belt revolutions without zero-setting after changing the speed.

With a simulated test totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$  or (as indicated in 3.7.3) five times the value in R 50-1, 3.4 Table 3, and at a flowrate close to  $Q_{\max}$ , totalize at 90 % of nominal speed. Repeat at 110 % of nominal speed.

For multi-speed belt weighers, carry out one test at each set speed.

For variable-speed belt weighers, carry out totalizations at

- 90 % and 110 % of minimum speed,
- minimum plus 1/3 of speed range,
- maximum minus 1/3 of speed range, and
- 90 % and 110 % of maximum speed.

If flowrate control is to be used, a further test shall be carried out with the flowrate control in operation. The flowrate set-point shall be stepped down from maximum to minimum in five steps, remaining at each setting for one belt revolution.

The errors shall be calculated in accordance with 3.7.3. Errors shall not exceed the appropriate maximum permissible errors for influence factor tests in R 50-1, 3.2.2 Table 2.

#### 5.4.2 Eccentric loading (R 50-1, 3.7.2)

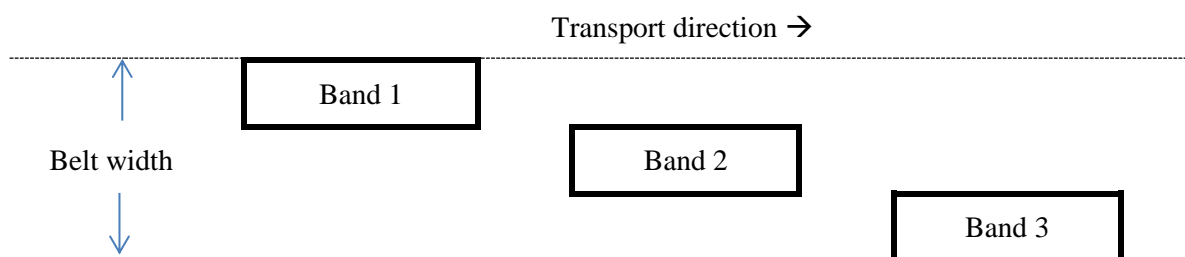
For each test, the load shall be distributed along the length of the load receptor in line with the direction of belt travel (see Figure 1), and over a half of the simulated belt width.

For a load equivalent to half Max, carry out a separate totalization of a simulated totalized test load of  $\Sigma_{\min}$  or (as indicated in 3.7.3) five times the value in R 50-1, 3.4, Table 3 with the load in each of three bands where

- band 1 is from the center of the load receptor to one edge of the (simulated) belt,
- band 2 is centered on the center of the load receptor, and
- band 3 is as band 1 but on the other side.

The errors shall be calculated in accordance with 3.7.3 and shall not exceed the appropriate maximum permissible errors for influence factor tests in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.

**Figure 1 – Distribution of the load – eccentric loading**



#### 5.4.3 Range of zero-setting device (R 50-1, 4.5)

With the load receptor empty, set the instrument to zero. Place a test load on the load receptor and operate the zero-setting device. Continue to increment the test load until operation of the zero-setting device fails to re-zero the instrument. The maximum load that can be re-zeroed is the positive portion of the zero-setting range.

To test the negative portion of the zero-setting range, first re-zero the instrument with an additional weight on the load receptor. This additional weight should be greater than the negative zero-setting range. Successively remove the weights, activating the zero-setting device each time one is removed. The maximum load that can be removed while the instrument can still be re-zeroed by the zero-setting device is the negative portion of the zero-setting range.

Re-zero the instrument without this additional weight.

The zero-setting range is the sum of the positive and negative portions and shall not exceed 4 % of Max.

#### **5.4.4 Accuracy of zero-setting (R 50-1, 3.7.3)**

Carry out a totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$  at  $Q_{\max}$  after setting the instrument to zero for loads on the weigh table equivalent to 50 % and 100 % of the positive and negative zero-setting ranges.

The errors shall be calculated in accordance with 3.7.3 and shall not exceed the appropriate maximum permissible errors for influence factor tests in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.

The duration of each zero totalization shall be equal to the time required to weigh the minimum totalized load at minimum flowrate.

## **6 Additional functionality**

### **6.1 Agreement between multiple indicating devices (R 50-1, 3.3)**

During the tests verify that for the same load, the difference between any two indicating devices having the same scale interval is zero.

### **6.2 Adjustments in automatic operating mode (R 50-1, 4.3.1)**

Verify that it is not possible to make operating adjustments nor to reset legally relevant indicating devices during an automatic weighing operation.

### **6.3 Securing of components and pre-set controls (R 50-1, 4.3.7)**

Verify that it is not possible to make unauthorized adjustments or resetting of components, interfaces, software devices and pre-set controls without any access becoming automatically evident.

### **6.4 Totalization indicating and printing devices (R 50-1, 4.4)**

For indication of weighing results, verify that

- a) totalization indicating and printing devices are permanently engaged (R 50-1, 4.4.6),
- b) in automatic operation the totalization devices cannot be reset to zero (R 50-1, 4.4.6),
- c) when automatic operation is finished the partial totalization device cannot be reset to zero unless the total is automatically recorded. Test by disabling the general totalization indicating device and attempting to reset the partial totalization device (R 50-1, 4.4.6),
- d) the scale interval of a partial totalization indicating device is equal to the scale interval of the general totalization indicating device (R 50-1, 4.4.3.2),
- e) the scale interval of a supplementary totalization indicating device is at least equal to 10 times the totalization scale interval (R 50-1, 4.4.3.3),
- f) at least one totalization indicating device on a belt weigher shall be capable of indicating a value equal to the quantity of product weighed in 10 hours of operation at maximum flowrate (R 50-1, 4.4.4),
- g) an automatic indication of the total is generated if the automatic operation is interrupted (R 50-1, 4.4.6).

### **6.5 Retention of total load value after power supply failure (R 50-1, 5.5.4)**

Switch off power to the instrument while the general totalization device is indicating a total load value of not less than  $\Sigma_{\min}$ . Verify that this total value is retained for at least 24 hours and is capable of indicating that information for at least 5 minutes following switch-on.

### **6.6 DC mains voltage or battery voltage variations (R 50-1, 5.5.4, 5.5.5)**

Reduce voltage until the instrument ceases to operate or ceases to give a correct weight value indication. Verify that no malfunction or significant fault occurs before the instrument is thus put out of service. Measure and record the voltage value when the instrument ceases to operate or ceases to give a correct weight value indication and compare this measured value with the manufacturer's specified value.

## **7 Influence factors and disturbance tests during pattern evaluation**

### **7.1 General**

Belt weighers shall comply with the influence factor and disturbance tests conditions and requirements specified in R 50-1.

Influence factor and disturbance tests are intended to verify that instruments can perform and function as intended in the environment and under the conditions specified. Each test indicates, where appropriate, the reference condition under which the intrinsic error is determined.

It is not possible to apply these tests to an instrument that is performing an automatic operation with product loaded on the running belt. The instrument shall therefore be subjected to the influence factors and disturbances under simulated operation as defined herein. The permissible effects of the influence factors or disturbances, under these conditions, are specified for each case.

When the effect of one influence factor is being evaluated, all other factors shall be held relatively constant, at a value close to normal. After each test the instrument shall be allowed to recover sufficiently before the following test.

Where parts of the instrument are examined separately, errors shall be apportioned in accordance with R 50-1, 6.1.6.7.

The operational status of the instrument or simulator shall be recorded for each test.

When an instrument is connected in other than a normal configuration, the procedure shall be mutually agreed on by the ~~approving authority~~ Chief Metrologist and the applicant.

The deviation of the no-load indication due to any test condition shall be recorded, and any load indication shall be corrected accordingly to obtain the weighing result.

#### **7.1.1 Simulated operation by test with static load without the belt conveyor**

Influence factor and disturbances tests, during simulation testing, should include all electronic devices of the weighing system.

#### **7.1.2 Using a simulator**

The simulator should include standard weights and a displacement simulating device (see R 50-1, 2.1.11) and the EUT shall be fitted as specified in R 50-1, 7.3. If a simulator is used to test a module, the repeatability and stability of the simulator shall make it possible to determine the performance of the module with at least the same accuracy as when a complete instrument is tested with weights, the MPE to be considered being those applicable to the module.

Whichever method is used, this shall be noted in R 50-3 (Test report format).

### 7.1.3 Interfaces (R 50-1, 5.6)

Susceptibility that would result from the use of electronic interfaces to other equipment shall be simulated in the tests. For this purpose it is sufficient to connect 3 m of interface cable terminated to simulate the interface impedance of the other equipment.

## 7.2 Influence factor tests (R 50-1, 3.7)

### Summary of tests

| Test  | Criteria  | §       |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Static temperatures                           | MPE*      | 7.2.1   |
| Temperature effect on no load indication      | See 7.2.2 | 7.2.2   |
| Damp heat, steady-state test (non-condensing) | MPE*      | 7.2.3.1 |
| Damp heat, cyclic test(condensing)            | MPE*      | 7.2.3.2 |
| AC mains voltage variation                    | MPE*      | 7.2.4   |
| DC mains voltage variation                    | MPE*      | 7.2.5   |
| Battery voltage variation                     | MPE*      | 7.2.6   |

\* maximum permissible errors as specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2

### 7.2.1 Static temperatures (R 50-1, 3.7.4.1)

Static temperature tests are carried out according to basic standard IEC Publication 60068-2-1 [11], IEC Publication 60068-2-2 [12] and IEC 60068-3-1 [13], and according to Table 1.

**Table 1 – Static temperature test**

| Environmental phenomenon | Test specification   | Test setup                                      |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Temperature              | Reference temperature of 20 °C                                       | IEC 60068-2-2<br>IEC 60068-2-1<br>IEC 60068-3-1 |
|                          | Specified high temperature for 2 hours                               |   |
|                          | Specified low temperature for 2 hours                                |   |
|                          | Temperature of 5 °C, if the specified low temperature is $\leq 0$ °C |   |
|                          | Reference temperature  |   |

*Note 1:* Use IEC 60068-3-1 for background information.

*Note 2:* The static temperatures test is considered as one test.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Object of the test:      | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 3.7.4.1 under conditions of dry heat (non-condensing) and cold. The test in 7.2.2 may be conducted during this test.   |
| Preconditioning:         | 16 hours.  |
| Condition of the EUT:    | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>The zero-setting facilities shall be enabled as for normal operation. |
| Test procedure in brief: | The test comprises exposure to the specified high temperature in R 50-1, 3.7.4.1 for 2 hours under “free air” conditions   |

- a) at the reference temperature of 20 °C,
- b) at the specified high temperature,
- c) at the specified low temperature,
- d) at a temperature of 5 °C, if the specified low temperature is below 0 °C, and
- e) at the reference temperature.

“Free air” conditions mean a minimum air circulation to keep the temperature at a stable level.

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Test information:             | <p>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable prior to the test. The EUT shall not be readjusted at any time during the test. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account.</p> <p>After stabilization at the reference temperature and again at each specified temperature, conduct the weighing operation consisting of the totalization of <math>\Sigma_{\min}</math>, two times each at approximately the minimum flowrate, an intermediate flowrate, and the maximum flowrate and repeated again at the minimum flowrate. Record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) date and time,</li> <li>b) temperature,</li> <li>c) relative humidity,</li> <li>d) test load,</li> <li>e) indications (as applicable),</li> <li>f) errors,</li> <li>g) functional performance,</li> <li>h) barometric pressure.</li> </ul> |
| Maximum allowable variations: | All functions shall operate as designed. All errors shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.   |

### 7.2.2 Temperature effect at zero flowrate test (R 50-1, 3.7.4.2)

Supplementary test information:

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Preconditioning:      | None required.   |
| Object of the test:   | <p>Dry heat (non-condensing) and cold. This test may be performed together with the temperature test in 7.2.1.</p> <p>To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 3.7.4.2 over the operating temperature range.</p>  |
| Condition of the EUT: | <p>The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.</p> <p>Adjust the EUT as close to a zero indication as practicable prior to the test. It shall not be adjusted or readjusted at any time during the test except to reset the EUT if a significant fault has been indicated.</p> <p>It is important to ensure that the test result is unaffected by the automatic zero-setting function, which should therefore be disabled.</p> |



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|-------------------------------|---|
| Test procedure in brief:      | <p>The test is conducted at the temperature points specified in 7.2.1 and the differences between totalizations as required in R 50-1, 3.7.4.2 to be calculated for temperature differences of 5 °C.</p> <p>At each temperature, the EUT shall be tested during a weighing operation consisting of the totalization over 6 minutes at zero flowrate, using the totalization indicating device for zero-setting.</p> <p>The rate of change of temperature between totalizations shall not exceed 5 °C per hour.</p> <p>Test duration is for 2 hours.</p>   |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Test information:             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Stabilize the EUT in the chamber at the specified minimum temperature (normally –10 °C). Perform a zero-setting routine.</li> <li>b) Conduct the test as specified in the test procedure in brief and record the following data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) date and time;</li> <li>ii) temperature;</li> <li>iii) relative humidity;</li> <li>iv) duration of test;</li> <li>v) totalized indication;</li> <li>vi) errors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Increase the temperature by 10 °C and allow to stabilize. Maintain at that temperature for 2 hours. Repeat the test and record the data as in b) above.</li> <li>d) Repeat c) above until the specified maximum temperature is reached (normally +40 °C).</li> </ul> |
| Maximum allowable variations: | The difference between successive totalizations shall comply with the requirements in R 50-1, 3.7.4.2.  |

### **7.2.3 Damp heat test (R 50-1, 5.5.1)**

The tests in 7.2.3.1 or 7.2.3.2 may be performed alternatively in accordance with R 50-1, 5.5.1, the option chosen being mentioned in the pattern approval certificate.

#### **7.2.3.1 Damp heat, steady state test (non-condensing)**

Damp heat, steady state tests are carried out according to basic standard IEC Publication 60068-2-78 [14] and IEC Publication 60068-3-4 [15], and according to Table 2.

**Table 2 – Damp heat, steady state test (non-condensing)**

| Environmental phenomenon   | Test specification  | Test setup                      |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Damp heat,<br>Steady state | Upper limit temperature and relative humidity of 85 % for 48 hours. | IEC 60068-2-78<br>IEC 60068-3-4 |

*Note:* Use IEC 60068-3-4 for guidance for damp heat tests.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:      | <p>To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.5.1 under conditions of constant temperature (see 3.3) and a constant relative humidity.</p> <p>The steady-state test should always be used where adsorption or absorption play the main part. When diffusion but not breathing is involved, either the steady-state or the cyclic test shall be prescribed depending on the type of EUT and its application.</p>  |
| Preconditioning:         | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT:    | <p>The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.</p> <p>The zero-setting facilities shall be enabled as for normal operation.</p> <p>The handling of the EUT shall be such that no condensation of water occurs on the EUT.</p>   |
| Test procedure in brief: | <p>Stabilization is 3 hours at reference temperature and 50 % humidity. And at least 48 hours at the upper limit temperature as specified in R 50-1, 3.7.4.1.</p> <p>Reference temperature is normally 20 °C or the mean value of the temperature range whenever 20 °C is outside this range, and the upper limit is as specified in R 50-1, 3.7.4.1.</p> <p>Temperature-humidity 48 hour sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference temperature at 50 % humidity;</li> <li>Upper limit temperature at 85 % humidity;</li> <li>Reference temperature at 50 % humidity.</li> </ol>   |
| Test information:        | <p>After stabilization of the EUT at reference temperature and 50 % humidity, the EUT shall be tested during a weighing operation consisting of the totalization of <math>\Sigma_{\min}</math>, two times each at approximately the minimum flowrate, an intermediate flowrate, the maximum flowrate, and repeated again at the minimum flowrate. Record</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>date and time,</li> <li>temperature,</li> <li>relative humidity,</li> <li>test load,</li> <li>indications (as applicable),</li> <li>errors,</li> <li>functional performance,</li> <li>barometric pressure.</li> </ol> <p>Increase the temperature in the chamber to the upper limit and increase the relative humidity to 85 %. Maintain the EUT at no load for a period of</p> |

48 hours. Following the 48 hours, apply the same test loads or simulated loads and record the data as indicated above.

Decrease the relative humidity to 50 % and decrease the temperature in the chamber to the reference temperature. After stabilization of the EUT, apply the same test loads or simulated loads and record the data as indicated above.

Conduct the weighing operation consisting of the totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$ , two times each at approximately the minimum flowrate, an intermediate flowrate, and the maximum flowrate and repeated again at the minimum flowrate. Record the indications.

Allow full recovery of the EUT before any other tests are performed.

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Maximum allowable variations: | All functions shall operate as designed. All errors shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2. |

### 7.2.3.2 Damp heat, cyclic test (condensing)

Damp heat, cyclic tests are carried out according to basic standard IEC Publication 60068-3-4 [15] and IEC Publication IEC 60068-2-30 [26] and according to Table 3.

**Table 3 – Damp heat, cyclic test (condensing)**

| Environmental phenomenon            | Test specification  | Test setup                      |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Damp heat, cyclic test (condensing) | 24 hour cyclic temperature variations between reference temperature and the appropriate upper temperature, maintaining the relative humidity above 95 % during the temperature change and low temperature phases, and at 93 % at the upper temperature phases | IEC 60068-2-30<br>IEC 60068-3-4 |

*Note:* Use IEC 60068-3-4 for guidance for damp heat tests.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:      | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 or R 50-1, 5.1.2 under conditions of high humidity when combined with cyclic temperature changes.<br><br>Damp heat, cyclic tests shall be applied in all the cases where condensation is important or when the penetration of vapour will be accelerated by the breathing effect.                           |
| Preconditioning:         | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT:    | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>The zero-setting facilities shall be enabled as for normal operation.<br><br>Condensation should occur on the EUT during the temperature rise. |
| Test procedure in brief: | The 24 hour cycle consists of<br>a) temperature rise during the first 3 hours,<br>b) temperature maintained at upper value until 12 hours from the start of   |

the cycle,

- c) temperature lowered to lower value within a period of 3 to 6 hours, the rate of fall during the first hour and a half being such that the lower value would be reached in 3 hours,
- d) temperature maintained at the lower value until the 24 hour cycle is completed.

The stabilizing period before and recovery after the cyclic exposure shall be such that all parts of the EUT are within 3 °C of their final temperature.

Test information:

After stabilization of the EUT at standard atmospheric conditions, the EUT shall be tested during a weighing operation consisting of the totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$ , two times each at approximately the minimum flowrate, an intermediate flowrate, and the maximum flowrate, and repeated again at the minimum flowrate. Record

- a) date and time,
- b) temperature,
- c) relative humidity,
- d) test load,
- e) indications (as applicable),
- f) errors,
- g) functional performance,
- h) barometric pressure.

Repeat the above for the second test cycle.

Allow full recovery of the EUT before any other tests are performed.

Number of test cycles: At least two test cycles are conducted.

Maximum allowable variations: All functions shall operate as designed. All errors shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.

#### 7.2.4 AC mains voltage variation (R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 and R 50-1, 5.5.4)

AC mains voltage variations tests are carried out in accordance with IEC 61000-4-11[17], and according to Table 4.

**Table 4 – AC mains voltage variation test**

| Environmental phenomenon   | Test specification |  | Test setup     |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|
| AC mains voltage variation | $U_{\text{nom}}$   |  | IEC 61000-4-11 |
|                            | Upper limit:       | $1.10 \times U_{\text{nom}}$ or $1.10 \times U_{\text{max}}$ |                |
|                            | Lower limit:       | $0.85 \times U_{\text{nom}}$ or $0.85 \times U_{\text{min}}$ |                |
|                            | $U_{\text{nom}}$   |  |                |

*Note:* Where an instrument is powered by a three phase supply, the voltage variation shall apply for each phase successively.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Object of the test:           | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 under conditions of AC mains voltage variation.  |
| Preconditioning:              | None required.   |
| Condition of the EUT:         | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. If it has an automatic zero-setting function then the instrument should be set to zero after applying each level of voltage.  |
| Test procedure in brief:      | The EUT shall be tested while totalizing $\Sigma_{\min}$ at the maximum flowrate.  |
| Test information:             | Stabilize the EUT at the reference voltage within the defined limits and record the following data while totalizing $\Sigma_{\min}$ at the maximum flowrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) date and time;</li> <li>b) temperature;</li> <li>c) relative humidity;</li> <li>d) AC voltage;</li> <li>e) test load;</li> <li>f) indications (as applicable);</li> <li>g) errors;</li> <li>h) functional performance;</li> <li>i) barometric pressure.</li> </ul> Repeat the test weighing for each of the voltages defined in IEC 61000-4-11 section 5 (noting the need in certain cases to repeat the test weighing at both ends of the voltage range) and record the indications. |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.  |
| Maximum allowable variations: | All functions shall operate as designed. All errors shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.  |

### 7.2.5 DC mains voltage variation (R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 and R 50-1, 5.5.4)

Tests of instruments with external or plug-in mains voltage (AC or DC) shall be conducted in accordance with 7.2, with the exception of 7.2.4, which is to be replaced by the test according to basic standard IEC Publication 61000-4-11 [17] and IEC Publication 60654-2 [16] and according to Table 5.

**Table 5 – DC mains voltage variation test**

| Environmental phenomenon                    | Test specification |   | Test setup  |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Voltage variations of DC mains power supply | $U_{nom}$          |   | IEC 60654-2 |
|   | Upper limit:       | $1.20 \times U_{nom}$ or $1.20 \times U_{max}$  |             |
|   | Lower limit:       | minimum operating voltage (see R 50-1, 3.7.4.3) |             |
|   | $U_{nom}$          |   |             |

*Note:* Where a voltage range is marked, use the average value as nominal  $U_{nom}$

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:           | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 under conditions of voltage variation in the DC mains supply.   |
| Preconditioning:              | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT:         | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off. Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test.   |
| Test procedure in brief:      | Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account.   |
| Test information:             | <p>Stabilize the EUT at the reference voltage within the defined limits and record the following data while totalizing <math>\Sigma_{min}</math> at the maximum flowrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>date and time;</li> <li>temperature;</li> <li>relative humidity;</li> <li>supply voltage;</li> <li>test load;</li> <li>indications (as applicable);</li> <li>errors;</li> <li>functional performance;</li> <li>barometric pressure.</li> </ol> <p>Reduce the voltage until the instrument ceases to function properly according to the specifications and metrological requirements, and record the indications.</p> |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Maximum allowable variations: | All functions shall operate correctly. All indications shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.  |

### **7.2.6 Battery voltage variation, not mains connected (DC) (R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 and R 50-1, 5.5.5)**

Battery-powered instruments shall fulfil the tests in 7.2, with the exception of 7.2.4 and 7.2.5 which shall be replaced by the test in Table 6.

**Table 6 – Battery voltage supply (not mains connected)**

| Environmental phenomenon   | Test specification |   | Test setup                              |
|--|--------------------|---|---|
| Low voltage variation of fully charged battery supply voltage (DC) | $U_{nom}$          |   | No reference to standards for this test |
|  | Upper limit:       | $U_{nom}$ or $U_{max}$                          |   |
|  | Lower limit:       | minimum operating voltage (see R 50-1, 3.7.4.3) |   |
|  | $U_{nom}$          |   |   |

*Note:* Where a voltage-range is marked, use the average value as nominal  $U_{nom}$

**Supplementary test information:**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:      | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 3.7.4.3 under conditions of battery voltage supply variation. The requirements shall be met either by use of an equivalent variable DC voltage source or by allowing the battery voltage to fall by use.  |
| Preconditioning:         | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT     | The EUT is connected to the battery power and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off. Adjust the EUT as close to a zero indication as practicable prior to the test. If it has an automatic zero-setting function as part of the automatic weighing process then the instrument should be set to zero after applying each level of voltage.  |
| Test procedure in brief: | <p>The test consists of subjecting the EUT to DC power variation when the former is operating under normal atmospheric conditions, while totalizing <math>\Sigma_{min}</math> at the maximum flowrate.</p> <p>Supply voltage is the lower limit, the voltage at which the EUT clearly ceases to function (or is automatically put out of service).</p>  |
| Test information:        | <p>Stabilize the EUT at nominal battery voltage and record the following data while totalizing <math>\Sigma_{min}</math> at the maximum flowrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>date and time;</li> <li>temperature;</li> <li>relative humidity;</li> <li>supply voltage;</li> <li>test load;</li> <li>indications (as applicable);</li> <li>errors;</li> <li>functional performance;</li> <li>barometric pressure.</li> </ol> <p>Reduce the voltage supply to the EUT until the equipment clearly ceases to function and note the voltage. Switch the EUT “off” and increase the voltage to nominal battery voltage.</p> <p>Switch the EUT “on” and reduce the voltage to the above noted voltage (out of service voltage) of the noted voltage.</p> <p>Record the data indicated above while totalizing <math>\Sigma_{min}</math> at the maximum flowrate.</p> |

Number of test cycles: At least one test cycle is conducted.

Maximum allowable variations: All functions shall operate correctly. All indications shall be within the maximum permissible errors specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.

**7.3 Disturbances (R 50-1, 5.1.1 and R 50-1, 5.5.2)**

**Summary of tests**

| <b>Tests<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>Criteria</b> | <b>§</b> |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| AC mains voltage dips, short interruptions and reductions                                | sf <sup>1</sup> | 7.3.1    |
| Bursts (fast transient tests) on mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines | sf <sup>1</sup> | 7.3.2    |
| Surges on AC and DC mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines              | sf <sup>1</sup> | 7.3.3    |
| Electrostatic discharge test   | sf <sup>1</sup> | 7.3.4    |
| Immunity to electromagnetic fields   | sf <sup>1</sup> | 7.3.5    |

<sup>1</sup> Value of the significant fault (see R 50-1, 2.4.5.4).

<sup>2</sup> Tests shall be conducted to the appropriate classification for electrical tests. The severity level stated in the tests 7.3.1 to 7.3.5 apply to instruments installed and used in locations with significant or high levels of electromagnetic disturbances corresponding to those likely to be found in industrial environments.

If there are interfaces on the instrument (or simulator), the use of these interfaces to other equipment shall be simulated in the tests. For this purpose, either an appropriate peripheral device or 3 m of interface cable to simulate the interface impedance of the other equipment shall be connected to each different type of interface.



### 7.3.1 AC mains voltage dips, short interruptions and reductions

AC mains voltage dips, short interruptions and reductions tests are carried out according to basic standard IEC Publication 61000-4-11 [17] and according to Table 7.

**Table 7 – AC mains voltage dips, short interruptions and reductions**

| Environmental phenomena              | Test specification |                           |                             | Test setup     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | Test               | Reduction of amplitude to | Duration / number of cycles |                |
| Voltage dips and short interruptions | Test a             | 0 %                       | 0.5                         | IEC 61000-4-11 |
|                                      | Test b             | 0 %                       | 1                           |                |
|                                      | Test c             | 40 %                      | 10                          |                |
|                                      | Test d             | 70 %                      | 25/30 <sup>(2)</sup>        |                |
|                                      | Test e             | 80 %                      | 250/300 <sup>(2)</sup>      |                |
|                                      | Short interruption | 0 %                       | 250/300 <sup>(2)</sup>      |                |

*Note 1:* A test generator suitable to reduce for a defined period of time the amplitude of one or more half cycles (at zero crossings) of the AC mains voltage shall be used. The test generator shall be adjusted before connecting the EUT. The mains voltage reductions shall be repeated 10 times with an interval of at least 10 seconds.

*Note 2:* These values are for 50 Hz (Europe) / 60 Hz (USA), respectively.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

**Object of the test:** To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions of short time mains voltage interruptions and reductions while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least  $\Sigma_{\min}$  (or a time sufficient to complete the test).

**Preconditioning:** None required.

**Condition of the EUT:** The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.

Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. Zero-setting functions shall not be in operation and shall not be adjusted at any time during the test except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.

**Test procedure in brief:** Before any test stabilize the EUT under constant environmental conditions. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account. While totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least  $\Sigma_{\min}$  (or a time sufficient to complete the test) record the following:

**Test information:**

- date and time;
- temperature;
- relative humidity;
- supply voltage;
- test load;
- indications (as applicable);

- g) errors;
- h) functional performance;
- i) barometric pressure

In accordance with the test specification in Table 7, interrupt the voltages to the corresponding durations / number of cycles and conduct the test as detailed in IEC 61000-4-11 section 8.2.1. During interruption observe the effect on the EUT and record as appropriate.

Number of test cycles: At least one test cycle is conducted.

Maximum allowable variations: The difference between the indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance (intrinsic error) either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and react to a significant fault. In the case of voltage interruptions (0 % for 250/300 cycles), the requirement is for the instrument to recover fully.

### 7.3.2 Bursts (fast transient tests) on mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines

Burst tests (fast transients) are carried out at the positive and the negative polarity for at least 1 minute at each polarity in accordance with the basic standard IEC 61000-4-4 [18] and according to Tables 12.1 and 12.2.

**Table 8 – Bursts (transients) on signal, data and control lines**

| Environmental phenomenon   | Test specification   | Test setup    |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Fast transient common mode | 1.0 kV (peak)<br>5/50 ns $t_r$ / $t_d$<br>5 kHz rep. frequency | IEC 61000-4-4 |

*Note:* Applicable only to lines or interfacing with cables whose total length exceeds 3 m according to the manufacturer's functional specification.

**Table 9 – Bursts on AC and DC mains power lines**

| Environmental phenomenon   | Test specification   | Test setup    |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Fast transient common mode | 2.0 kV (peak)<br>5/50 ns $t_r$ / $t_d$<br>5 kHz rep. frequency | IEC 61000-4-4 |

*Note:* DC power lines, not applicable to battery-operated appliance that cannot be connected to the mains while in use.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

Object of the test: To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions where fast transients are superimposed separately on the mains voltage, and on the I/O signal and communication lines while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least  $\Sigma_{\min}$  (or a time sufficient to complete the test).

Preconditioning: None required.

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Condition of the EUT:         | <p>The performance of the test generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT.</p> <p>The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.</p> <p>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. Zero-setting functions shall not be in operation and shall not be adjusted at any time during the test except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.</p>                                      |
| Test procedure in brief:      | <p>Both positive and negative polarity of the bursts shall be applied. The duration of the test shall not be less than one minute for each amplitude and polarity. The injection network on the mains shall contain blocking filters to prevent the burst energy being dissipated in the mains. For the coupling of the bursts into the input/output and communication lines, a capacitive coupling clamp as defined in the reference standard shall be used.</p>  |
| Test information:             | <p>Before any test stabilize the EUT under constant environmental conditions. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account. While totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least <math>\Sigma_{\min}</math> (or a time sufficient to complete the test) record the following with and without the transients:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>date and time;</li><li>temperature;</li><li>relative humidity;</li><li>supply voltage;</li><li>test load;</li><li>indications (as applicable);</li><li>errors;</li><li>functional performance;</li><li>barometric pressure.</li></ol> |
| Number of test cycles:        | <p>At least one test cycle is conducted.</p>   |
| Maximum allowable variations: | <p>The difference between the indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance (intrinsic error) either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and react to a significant fault.</p>   |

### 7.3.3 Surges on AC and DC mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines

Electrical surge tests are carried out according to IEC 61000-4-5 [19] and according to Table 10.

**Table 10 – Surges on mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines**

| Environmental phenomenon  | Test specification  | Test setup    |
|---|---|---------------|
| Surges on mains power lines and on signal, data and control lines | a) 1.0 kV line to line<br>b) 2.0 kV line to earth<br>c) 3 positive and 3 negative surges applied synchronously with AC supply voltage in angles 0°, 90°, 180° and 270°.<br>d) 3 positive and 3 negative surges applied on DC voltage lines and on signal, data and control lines. | IEC 61000-4-5 |

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:      | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions where electrical surges are applied separately to the mains power lines and to the signal, data and control lines (if any), while totalizing – at maximum flowrate – at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test).   |
| Preconditioning:         | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT:    | <p>The characteristics of the test generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT.</p> <p>The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.</p> <p>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. Zero-setting functions shall not be in operation and shall not be adjusted at any time during the test except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.</p> |
| Test procedure in brief: | The test consists of exposure to surges for which the rise time, pulse width, peak values of the output voltage/current on high/low impedance load and minimum time interval between two successive pulses are defined in IEC 61000-4-5. The injection network depends on the lines the surge is coupled to and is defined in IEC 61000-4-5.  |
| Test information:        | <p>Before any test stabilize the EUT under constant environmental conditions. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account. While totalizing – at maximum flowrate – at least <math>\Sigma_{\min}</math> (or a time sufficient to complete the test) record the following with and without the surges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>date and time;</li> <li>temperature;</li> <li>relative humidity;</li> <li>supply voltage;</li> <li>test load;</li> <li>indications (as applicable);</li> </ol>  |

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
|                               | g) errors;  |
|                               | h) functional performance;  |
|                               | i) barometric pressure.   |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Maximum allowable variations: | The difference between the indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance (intrinsic error) either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and react to a significant fault. |

### 7.3.4 Electrostatic discharge test

Electrostatic discharge tests are carried out according to basic standard IEC 61000-4-2 [20], with test signals and conditions as given in Table 11.

**Table 11 – Electrostatic discharge test**

| Environmental phenomenon | Test specification |                     | Test setup    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|                          | Test voltage       | Levels <sup>1</sup> |               |
| Electrostatic discharge  | contact discharge  | 6 kV                | IEC 61000-4-2 |
|                          | air discharge      | 8 kV                |               |

*Note 1:* Tests shall be performed at the specified lower test levels, starting with 2 kV and proceeding in 2 kV steps up to and including the level specified above in accordance with IEC 61000-4-2.

*Note 2:* The 6 kV contact discharge shall be applied to conductive accessible parts. Metallic contacts, e.g. in battery compartments or in socket outlets, are excluded from this requirement.

Contact discharge is the recommended test method. 20 discharges (10 with positive and 10 with negative polarity) shall be applied on each accessible metal part of the enclosure. The time interval between successive discharges shall be at least 10 seconds. Discharges shall be applied on the horizontal or vertical coupling planes as specified in IEC 61000-4-2. Air discharges shall be used where contact discharges cannot be applied (e.g. in the case of a non-conductive enclosure).

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Object of the test:   | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions where electrostatic discharges are applied while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or for sufficient time to complete the test).  |
| Preconditioning:      | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT: | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>Reset the EUT if a significant fault has been indicated.<br><br>Before any test stabilize the EUT under constant environmental conditions. |

Test procedure in brief:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Test information:             | While totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test) record the following. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>date and time;</li><li>temperature;</li><li>relative humidity;</li><li>supply voltage;</li><li>test load;</li><li>indications (as applicable);</li><li>errors;</li><li>functional performance;</li><li>barometric pressure</li></ol> |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.  |
| Maximum allowable variations: | The difference between the weight indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and act upon a significant fault.   |

### 7.3.5 Immunity to electromagnetic fields

*Note:* Test time resources can be optimized if

- the resolution of the flow rate display is fine enough to unambiguously discern the significant fault,
- the flow rate display can be permanently observed,
- a totalization is performed at those frequencies at which an influence on the displayed flow rate has been observed.

#### 7.3.5.1 Immunity to radiated (RF) electromagnetic fields

Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity tests are carried out in accordance to IEC 61000-4-3 [21] and according to Table 12.

The unmodulated carrier of the test signal is adjusted to the indicated test value. To perform the test the carrier is in addition modulated as specified.

**Table 12 – Immunity to radiated (RF) electromagnetic fields**

| <b>Test specification</b>                   |                             |                           |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Environmental phenomenon</b>             | <b>Frequency ranges MHz</b> | <b>Field strength V/m</b> | <b>Test setup</b> |
| Immunity to radiated electromagnetic fields | 80 to 2000 <sup>1</sup>     | 10                        | IEC 61000-4-3     |
|   | 26 to 80 <sup>2</sup>       |                           |                   |
| Modulation                                  | 80 % AM, 1 kHz sine wave    |                           |                   |

*Note 1:* For EUTs having no mains or other I/O ports available so that the test according to 7.3.5.2 cannot be applied, the lower limit of the radiation test is 26 MHz.

*Note 2:* In this case for the frequencies from 26 MHz up to 80 MHz the similar test method as described in IEC 61000-4-3 shall be applied.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:           | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions of specified radiated electromagnetic fields applied while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test).  |
| Preconditioning:              | None required.  |
| Test procedure in brief:      | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. Zero-setting functions shall not be in operation and shall not be adjusted at any time during the test except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.  |
| Test information:             | Before any test stabilize the EUT under constant environmental conditions. Changes in barometric pressure shall be taken into account.<br><br>In accordance with the note in 7.3.5, the frequencies are noted at which susceptibility is evident and then tests are conducted at the problem frequencies, if any, while totalizing – at maximum flowrate – at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test). Record the following with and without electromagnetic fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) date and time;</li> <li>b) temperature;</li> <li>c) relative humidity;</li> <li>d) supply voltage;</li> <li>e) test load;</li> <li>f) indications (as applicable);</li> <li>g) errors;</li> <li>h) functional performance;</li> <li>i) barometric pressure.</li> </ul> |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.   |
| Maximum allowable variations: | The difference between the indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance (intrinsic error) either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and react to a significant fault.   |

### 7.3.5.2 Immunity to conducted electromagnetic fields

Conducted, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity tests are carried out in accordance to IEC 61000-4-6 [22] and according to Table 13.

The unmodulated carrier of the test signal is adjusted to the indicated test value. To perform the test the carrier is in addition modulated as specified.

**Table 13 – Immunity to conducted electromagnetic fields**

| Test specification                           |                          |                                  |               |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Environmental phenomenon                     | Frequency range MHz      | RF amplitude (50 ohms) V (e.m.f) | Test setup    |
| Immunity to conducted electromagnetic fields | 0.15 to 80               | 10                               | IEC 61000-4-6 |
| Modulation                                   | 80 % AM, 1 kHz sine wave |                                  |               |

*Note 1:* This test is not applicable when the EUT has no mains or other input port.

*Note 2:* Coupling and decoupling devices shall be used for appropriate coupling of the disturbing signal (over the entire frequency range, with a defined common-mode impedance at the EUT port) to the various conducting cables connected to the EUT.

Supplementary information to the IEC test procedures:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Object of the test:      | To verify compliance with the provisions in R 50-1, 5.1.1 under conditions of specified conducted electromagnetic fields applied while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test).   |
| Preconditioning:         | None required.  |
| Condition of the EUT:    | The EUT is connected to the mains power supply and switched on for at least the warm-up time specified by the manufacturer. During the test the electrical power supplied to the EUT shall not be switched off.<br><br>Adjust the EUT as close to zero indication as practicable, prior to the test. Zero-setting functions shall not be in operation and shall not be adjusted at any time during the test except to reset if a significant fault has occurred.<br><br>Radio-frequency electromagnetic current, simulating the influence of electromagnetic fields shall be coupled or injected into the mains power ports and I/O ports of the EUT using coupling/decoupling devices as defined in the referred standard. |
| Test procedure in brief: | In accordance with the note in 7.3.5, the frequencies are noted at which susceptibility is evident and then tests are conducted at the problem frequencies, if any, while totalizing, at maximum flowrate, at least $\Sigma_{\min}$ (or a time sufficient to complete the test). Record the following with and without electromagnetic fields:  |
| Test information:        | a) date and time;<br>b) temperature;  |



|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
|                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) relative humidity;</li> <li>d) supply voltage;</li> <li>e) test load;</li> <li>f) indications (as applicable);</li> <li>g) errors;</li> <li>h) functional performance;</li> <li>i) barometric pressure.</li> </ul> |
| Number of test cycles:        | At least one test cycle is conducted.  |
| Maximum allowable variations: | The difference between the indication due to the disturbance and the indication without the disturbance (intrinsic error) either shall not exceed the fault specified in R 50-1, 2.4.5.4, or the EUT shall detect and react to a significant fault.          |

## 8 Metrological characteristics (R 50-1, 3.7.5)

### 8.1 Repeatability (R 50-1, 3.7.5.1)

- 1) Apply a distributed load of 20 % Max on the load receptor and carry out a totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$  or (as indicated in 3.7.3 if a device with a totalization scale interval smaller than or equal to  $0.2 d$  is not available) five times the value in R 50-1, 3.4, Table 3. Remove the load, allow the belt-weigher to run empty and reset the indication to zero if necessary. Repeat the test with the same load.
- 2) Repeat the whole test with a load of 50 % Max (Totalization  $\approx \Sigma_{\min}$  or  $5 \times$  value in R 50-1, 3.4, Table 3).
- 3) Repeat the whole test with a load of 75 % Max (Totalization  $\approx \Sigma_{\min}$  or  $5 \times$  value in R 50-1, 3.4, Table 3).
- 4) Repeat the whole test with a load of Max (Totalization  $\approx \Sigma_{\min}$  or  $5 \times$  value in R 50-1, 3.4, Table 3).

The difference between any two results obtained for the same load placed under the same conditions on the load receptor shall not exceed the absolute value of the appropriate maximum permissible error for the influence factor tests specified in R 50-1, 3.2.2, Table 2.

### 8.2 Discrimination of the totalization indicating device (R 50-1, 3.7.5.2)

- 1) Apply a distributed load of 20 % Max on the load receptor and carry out a totalization of  $\Sigma_{\min}$ , noting the exact duration of the test (normally a preset number of pulses). Add additional weights:
  - a) additional load = existing load  $\times$  0.07 % for class 0.2;
  - b) additional load = existing load  $\times$  0.18 % for class 0.5;
  - c) additional load = existing load  $\times$  0.35 % for class 1;
  - d) additional load = existing load  $\times$  0.7 % for class 2.
- 2) Totalize again for the same equivalent belt length.
- 3) Repeat for a load of 50 % Max.
- 4) Repeat for a load of 75 % Max.
- 5) Repeat for a load of Max.

The difference between the indications with and without the additional load shall be at least equal to one half of the calculated value related to the additional load.

**8.3 Discrimination of the totalization indicating device used for zero totalization  
(R 50-1, 3.7.5.3)**

- 1) Zero the instrument and disable any automatic zero-setting device.
- 2) Totalize with no load for 3 minutes (or the equivalent number of preset pulses) and record the zero indicator reading. If the indicator can be reset to zero, reset it at the end of each 3-minute test. Add a small weight to the load receptor as follows:
  - a)  $\text{Max} \times 0.02\%$  for class 0.2;
  - b)  $\text{Max} \times 0.05\%$  for class 0.5;
  - c)  $\text{Max} \times 0.1\%$  for class 1;
  - d)  $\text{Max} \times 0.2\%$  for class 2.
- 3) Totalize for a further 3 minutes and record the zero indicator reading.
- 4) Remove the small weight, totalize for 3 minutes (or the equivalent number of preset pulses) and record the zero indicator reading.
- 5) Reset the instrument to zero with the weight on the load receptor, disable any auto-zeroing device, and repeat the tests in 2) above but with the weight removed from the zero point.
- 6) Repeat the test as necessary to eliminate the effect of short term zero drift or other transient effects. The difference between two consecutive indications, with and without the small weight, shall be clearly visible.

**8.4 Stability of zero (R 50-1, 3.7.5.4)**

This test shall be carried out without any load being applied to the instrument and any automatic zero-setting device disabled.

Zero-setting shall be carried out prior to commencement of the test. No further zero adjustment shall be carried out before completion of the test (i.e. until all required observations have been obtained).

Totalization values shall be taken from the indicator used for zero totalization.

Simulate the belt weigher with no load at the maximum belt speed. Record the initial totalization indication, and the reading after each 3-minute interval for a period of 15 minutes. The difference between the highest and lowest indicated values obtained in this set of six readings shall not exceed the values specified in R 50-1, 3.7.5.4.1 for assessment of stability over a period of 15 minutes.

Leave the unloaded belt weigher running for 3 hours at the maximum belt speed. After this period, without further adjustment, record the totalization indication and continue to record readings after each 3-minute interval for a further period of 15 minutes. The difference between the highest and lowest indicated values obtained in this second set of six readings, shall not exceed the value specified in R 50-1, 3.7.5.4.1 for assessment of stability over a period of 15 minutes.

The difference between the smallest and largest of all 12 readings taken over the 3.5 hour period shall not exceed the value specified in R 50-1, 3.7.5.4.2 for assessment of stability over a period of 3.5 hours.

## 9 In-situ tests (R 50-1, 3.8)

Note that the repeatability test in R 50-1, 3.8.1 is a product test covered in clause 10 below.

### 9.1 Maximum permissible errors on checking of zero (R 50-1, 3.8.2)

When the minimum totalized load is equal to or less than 3 belt revolutions at  $Q_{\max}$  the following test procedure shall be amended by the inclusion of the requirements in 9.1.2.

Mark the stationary belt if not previously done. The instrument should be “on”, warm, and running. Set the instrument to zero noting the point on the belt at which the zero routine commences, and then disable the automatic zero-setting device. Carry out a whole number of revolutions of the empty belt, of a duration as close as possible to 3 minutes. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization and check that the error (the variation from zero displayed on the indicating device used for zero-setting) does not exceed the following percentages of the load totalized at  $Q_{\max}$  for the duration of the test:

- a) 0.02 % for class 0.2;
- b) 0.05 % for class 0.5;
- c) 0.1 % for class 1;
- d) 0.2 % for class 2.

If the instrument fails, this procedure may be repeated once to attempt to obtain a satisfactory result.

#### 9.1.1 Discrimination of the indicator used for zero-setting (R 50-1, 3.8.3)

Mark the stationary belt if not previously done. The instrument should be “on”, warm, and running.

##### Test A

Run the belt and zero the instrument with the automatic zero-setting device disabled. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization.

Run the belt with no load for a whole number of revolutions and of a duration as close as possible to 3 minutes. Record the indication on the indication device used for zero-setting. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization.

Apply the discrimination load to the load receptor and run the belt for the same number of revolutions. Record the indication on the indication device used for zero-setting. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization.

##### Test B

With the discrimination load applied to the load receptor, run the belt and zero the instrument with the automatic zero-setting device disabled. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization.

Run the belt with the discrimination load applied for the same number of revolutions as in test A. Record the indication on the indication device used for zero-setting. Stop the belt, or if this is impractical, stop or note the totalization.

Remove the discrimination load from the load receptor and run the belt for the same number of revolutions. Record the indication on the indication device used for zero-setting.

There must be a visible difference between the above no-load indication and applied discrimination load indications on the indication device used for zero-setting in both tests A and B.

The discrimination load should be equal to the following percentages of the maximum capacity, Max:

- a) 0.02 % for class 0.2;
- b) 0.05 % for class 0.5;

- c) 0.1 % for class 1;
- d) 0.2 % for class 2.

Repeat tests A and B above three times consecutively.

### **9.1.2 Maximum variation during zero-load test (R 50-1, 3.8.4)**

When the minimum totalized load is equal to or less than 3 belt revolutions at  $Q_{\max}$ , the test procedure in 9.1 *Maximum permissible errors on checking of zero* shall include a record of the totalization indicator reading at the commencement of the test and a record of the maximum and minimum totalization indicator readings taken during the test. The totalization indicator shall not exceed the following percentages of the minimum totalized load,  $\Sigma_{\min}$ , at the maximum flowrate,  $Q_{\max}$ , for the duration of the test:

- a) 0.07 % for class 0.2;
- b) 0.175 % for class 0.5;
- c) 0.35 % for class 1;
- d) 0.7 % for class 2.

## **10 In-situ product tests (R 50-1, 3.8, 6.2.2.1, 7.1)**

### **10.1 General**

#### **10.1.1 Conditions and product**

In-situ product tests with the belt weigher fully assembled and fixed in the position in which it is intended to be used shall be carried out under the typical conditions of use of the belt weigher and with the specified product or products which are or will be used.

In-situ product tests conducted for pattern evaluation, initial verification and in-service inspection shall determine that the maximum permissible errors for automatic weighing are in accordance with R 50-1, 3.2.1, Table 1, for initial verification or in-service, as appropriate for the class of the belt weigher, and that for “repeatability”, the relative errors (R 50-1, 3.8.1) for several results obtained at practically identical flowrates, for approximately the same quantities of product and under the same conditions, shall not exceed the absolute value of the appropriate maximum permissible error for automatic weighing in R 50-1, 3.2.1.

All product tests are carried out in pairs to allow assessment of repeatability. For clarity, a pair may be defined as a re-run with the same product load and other specified parameters (as far as practicable).

### **10.2 Control method**

The control method used for the product test shall enable the determination of the weight of the product used for testing with an error not exceeding one-third of the appropriate maximum permissible error for automatic weighing in R 50-1, 3.2.1, Table 1.

If a control instrument with sufficient resolution is not available, the greater resolution of the control instrument may be ensured by using change point weights as specified in 3.7.1.

The control method shall be conducted as follows:

- a) with the belt weigher in automatic operation, conduct the necessary number of tests and record the indicated weight at the maximum, minimum and intermediate feeding flowrates, making sure that the test load of products can be weighed using a control instrument;
- b) the weight value indication from the belt weigher is the difference between the indication at the start of the test and the indication at the end of the test using the general totalization device;

- c) the true quantity value of the mass of the test load is determined by weighing the test load on the separate control instrument;
- d) the error for automatic weighing shall be the difference between the true quantity value of the mass of the test load determined on the separate control instrument in c) above, and the values obtained from the general totalization indication in b) above. The relative errors are calculated as indicated in R 50-1, 7.6 and 3.7. This is the value that shall be used for comparison with the appropriate maximum permissible error for automatic weighing in R 50-1, 3.2.1.

### **10.3 Product tests**

The method in 10.3.1 is for the evaluation of a single speed belt weigher only.

Belt weighers capable of multiple speeds shall be evaluated using the methods in 10.3.2 or 10.3.3 as appropriate.

#### **10.3.1 Single speed belt weigher**

Before the tests the conveyor shall operate for at least 30 minutes in order to verify that the conveyor has reached a state of equilibrium and will support performance stability.

Before each test check the zero-setting and, if necessary, set the instrument to zero.

On completion of each test record the totalization of the test load.

The following tests shall be carried out at the following feeding flowrates:

- a) 2 pairs of tests at maximum feeding flowrate;
- b) 2 pairs of tests at minimum feeding flowrate;
- c) 1 pair of tests at intermediate feeding flowrate.

If the minimum feeding flowrate is not smaller than

- a) 50 % of maximum flow, then perform a) and b),
- b) 80 % of the maximum flow, perform a) and b) with only one pair of tests each, only two pairs of tests, at any available feeding flowrate.

To conform with the test data requirements for “repeatability”, the tests that form a pair should be approximately the same totalized load and duration.

For “initial verification and in-service inspection” for each test the maximum permissible error shall be as specified in R 50-1, 3.2.1, Table 1, as appropriate for the class of the belt weigher.

For “repeatability”, the difference between the relative errors (calculated as indicated in R 50-1, 7.6) for each test, of the same feeding flowrate and approximately the same totalized load, shall not exceed the absolute value of the appropriate maximum permissible error for automatic weighing in R 50-1, 3.2.1.

### **10.3.2 Multi-speed belt weigher**

For each speed, the tests specified in 10.3.1 shall be carried out with only one pair of tests at each feeding flow rate for minimum, medium and maximum speed.

### **10.3.3 Variable speed belt weigher**

The tests specified in 10.3.1 shall be carried out with only one pair of tests at each feeding flow rate for minimum, medium and maximum speed and one additional single test shall be carried out at each of the feeding flowrates in 10.3.1, varying the speed throughout its range during each of them.

However, precautions shall be taken to avoid the load on the load receptor being greater than Max or less than Min.

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## Annex A

### Additional examinations and tests for software-controlled digital devices and instruments

(Mandatory)

#### A.1 Devices and instruments with embedded software

Review the descriptive documents according to R 50-1, 6.1.1 and check whether the manufacturer has described or declared that the software is embedded, i.e. that it is used in a fixed hardware and software environment and cannot be modified or uploaded via any interface or by other means after securing or sealing.

Check whether the securing means are described and provide evidence of an intervention.

Check whether there is a software identification that is clearly assigned to the legally relevant software and the legally relevant functions it performs as described in the documentation submitted by the manufacturer.

Check whether the software identification is easily provided by the instrument.

#### A.2 Computers and other devices with programmable or loadable software

##### A.2.1 Software documentation (R 50-1, 5.8)

Check that the manufacturer has supplied software documentation according to R 50-1, 5.8 containing all relevant information to examine the legally relevant software.

##### A.2.2 Software protection (R 50-1, 5.8.1)

###### A.2.2.1 Software with closed shell (no access to the operating system and/or programs possible for the user)

Check whether there is a complete set of commands (e.g. function keys or commands via external interfaces) supplied and accompanied by short descriptions.

Check whether the manufacturer has submitted a written declaration of the completeness of the set of commands.

###### A.2.2.2 Operating system and / or program(s) accessible for the user

Check whether a checksum or equivalent signature is generated over the machine code of the legally relevant software (program module(s) subject to legal control and pattern-specific parameters).

Check whether the legally relevant software cannot be started if the code is falsified using a text editor.

###### A.2.2.3 In addition to the cases in A.2.2.1 or A.2.2.2

Check whether all device-specific parameters are sufficiently protected, e.g. by a checksum.

Check whether there is an audit trail for the protection of the device-specific parameters and a description of the audit trail.

Perform some practical spot checks to test whether the documented protections and functions work as described.

### **A.2.3 Software interface(s)**

Check whether the program modules of the legally relevant software are defined and separated from the modules of the associated software by a defined protective software interface.

Check whether the protective software interface itself is part of the legally relevant software.

Check whether the functions of the legally relevant software that can be released via the protective software interface are defined and described.

Check whether the parameters that may be exchanged via the protective software interface are defined and described.

Check whether the description of the functions and parameters are conclusive and complete.

Check whether each documented function and parameter does not contradict the requirements of this Recommendation.

Check whether there are appropriate instructions for the application programmer (e.g. in the software documentation) concerning the protectiveness of the software interface.

### **A.2.4 Software identification**

Check whether there is an appropriate software identification generated over the program module(s) of the legally relevant software and the pattern-specific parameters at runtime of the instrument.

Check whether the software identification is indicated by manual command and can be compared with the reference identification fixed at pattern approval.

Check whether all relevant program module(s) and pattern-specific parameters of the legally relevant software are included in the software identification.

Check also by some practical spot checks whether the checksums (or other signatures) are generated and work as documented.

Check whether an effective audit trail exists.

## **A.3 Data storage devices (R 50-1, 5.7)**

Review the documentation submitted and check whether the manufacturer has foreseen a device – whether incorporated in the instrument or connected externally – that is intended to be used for long-term storage of legally relevant data. If so:

- check whether the software used for data storage is realized on a device with embedded software (A.1) or with programmable/ loadable software (A.2). Apply either A.1 or A.2 to examine the software used for data storage;
- check whether the data are stored and retrieved correctly;
- check whether the storage capacity and the measures to prevent inadmissible data loss are described by the manufacturer and are sufficient;
- check whether the data stored contain all relevant information necessary to reconstruct an earlier weighing (relevant information is: gross or net values and tare values (if applicable, together with a distinction of tare and preset tare), the decimal signs, the units (e.g. kg may be encoded), the identification of the data set, the identification number of the instrument or load receptor if several instruments or load receptors are connected to the data storage device, and a checksum or other signature of the data set stored);
- check whether the data stored are adequately protected against accidental or intentional changes;
- check whether the data are protected at least with a parity check during transmission to the storage device;



- check whether the data are protected at least with a parity check in the case of a storage device with embedded software;
- check whether the data are protected by an adequate checksum or signature (at least 2 bytes, e.g. a CRC-16 checksum with hidden polynomial) in the case of a storage device with programmable or loadable software;
- check whether the data stored are capable of being identified and displayed, and that the identification number(s) is stored for later use and recorded on the official transaction medium, i.e. it is printed, for instance, on the printout;
- check whether the data used for a transaction are stored automatically, i.e. not depending on the decision of the operating person;
- check whether stored data sets which are to be verified by means of the identification are displayed or printed on a device subject to legal control.

#### **A.4 Test report format**

The test report format in R 50-3 shall contain all relevant information about the hardware and software configuration of the PC examined and the test results.

## Annex B

### Equipment under test (EUT)

(Informative)

#### B.1 Selection of EUTs

Instruments may be categorized primarily by the fundamental engineering design they are constructed upon. The categories of design may include but are not limited to the following basic operating principles:

- mechanical – no electronics;
- analogue, strain gauge type load cells;
- digital load cells.

Those instruments using load cell technology may further be categorized by using the method whereby the load cells are mounted on/connected to the weight receiving element and supporting structures. Examples may include, but are not limited to

- direct mounting of load cells without check rods,
- connection of the weighing elements to the load cell via a lever system,
- isolation from forces not directly derived from the weighed mass.

An additional method of classifying instruments within a family can be based on the number and configuration of idlers used within the weighing element. Examples may include, but are not limited to

- multiple idler, fully-suspended,
- multiple idler, modular,
- multi idler, approach/retreat weigh frame with a lever connected to a single load cell.

In order to streamline pattern evaluation test procedures involving a family of devices, it is recommended to select at least the EUT that represents the “worst case” sample from that family. This is to ensure that not only the worst case be selected but also that an instrument representing a best (or better) case be evaluated to establish a range of performance data within the family of devices. It is recommended that the worst case instrument be selected based on the following:

- 1) For testing performed in a laboratory setting:
  - lowest input signal from the force transducer(s) (see R 50-1, 6.1.6.6);
  - unit with all the interfaces (i.e. peripheral equipment, hardware components);
  - unit with all the necessary load cells;
  - unit with the highest frequency of belt displacement transducer output.
- 2) For in-situ testing:

The lowest number of weigh idlers in the family is preferred. When this is not possible, future instruments with fewer numbers of rollers (idlers) shall be considered for inclusion in the approval if they comply with R 50-1, 3.8.

## B.2

### Other metrological features to be considered

Testing for related characteristics should be carried out on a single EUT – for example, it is not acceptable to test the temperature effect on no-load indication on one EUT and the combined effect on a different one. Variations in metrologically relevant features and functions such as different

- housings,
- load receptors,
- temperature and humidity ranges,
- instrument functions,
- displacement transducer,
- indications, etc.

may require additional partial testing of those factors which are influenced by that feature. These additional tests should preferably be carried out on the same EUT, but if this is not possible, tests on one or more additional EUTs may be performed under the responsibility of the [Chief Metrologist as the testing authority](#) or [by another testing authority if accepted by the Chief Metrologist](#).

When evaluating a system using the fewest number of idlers as a basis, it is recommended that after an initial in-situ test is performed, a subsequent test be performed to establish that this reduced number of idlers has not resulted in an unsatisfactory diminished ability of the belt weigher to perform as intended over a period of time and use.

The ability of the instrument to withstand all required performance tests during the evaluation may be a good indication of the durability.

## **Annex C**

### **Durability testing requirements**

**(Informative)**

#### **C.1 Pattern approval**

A durability assessment performed under pattern evaluation should take into account that (lack of) durability may be a characteristic of a particular installation. Hence a decision not to pattern approve an instrument may only be warranted where the unacceptable durability is clearly a characteristic of the pattern.

Where measures to ensure durability are taken, this shall be recorded in the test report format in R 50-3.

#### **C.2 Subsequent metrological control**

To reduce the risks of non-durable instruments, the arrangements for subsequent metrological control shall incorporate means for reviewing intervals for subsequent verification and in-service inspection, based on performance of an instrument over time. ILAC-G24/OIML D 10 [25] indicates methods (see clause 3) which are useful for this purpose.

If an instrument (installed in a particular location) is found to be of unacceptable durability, that instrument shall be withdrawn from use. If unacceptable durability was found to be a characteristic of the pattern (unacceptable durability regardless of the installation), withdrawal of the pattern approval shall be considered.

## Annex D

### Bibliography

(Informative)

Below are references to publications of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the OIML, which are mentioned in this Recommendation.

| Ref. | Standards and references   | Description   |
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| [1]  | International Vocabulary of Metrology - Basic and General Concepts and Associated Terms (VIM), Third Edition, 2012   | Vocabulary, prepared by a joint working group consisting of experts appointed by BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP and OIML.   |
| [2]  | International vocabulary of terms in legal metrology – VIML, 2013  | Vocabulary including only the concepts used in the field of legal metrology. These concepts concern the activities of the legal metrology service, the relevant documents as well as other problems linked with this activity.  |
| [3]  | OIML B 3:2011<br>OIML Basic Certificate System for OIML Type Evaluation of Measuring Instruments   | Provides rules for issuing, registering and using OIML Certificates of conformity.  |
| [4]  | OIML D 11:2013<br>General requirements for measuring instruments - Environmental conditions  | Contains general requirements for electronic measuring instruments.   |
| [5]  | OIML R 111:2004<br><br>Weights of classes E <sub>1</sub> , E <sub>2</sub> , F <sub>1</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> , M <sub>1</sub> , M <sub>1-2</sub> , M <sub>2</sub> , M <sub>2-3</sub> and M <sub>3</sub> | Provides the principal physical characteristics and metrological requirements for weights used with and for the verification of weighing instruments and weights of a lower class.  |
| [6]  | OIML D 28:2004<br>Conventional value of the result of weighing in air (Revision of OIML R 33)  | Provides the definition of the quantity “conventional mass” (conventional value of the result of weighing in air) as it is used for the characterization of weights and its relation to the physical quantities mass and density and the evaluation of its uncertainty. |
| [7]  | OIML R 60:2000<br>Metrological regulation for load cells   | Provides the principal static characteristics and static evaluation procedures for load cells used in the evaluation of mass.   |
| [8]  | OIML R 76-1:2006<br>Non-automatic weighing instruments   | Provides the principal physical characteristics and metrological requirements for the verification of non-automatic weighing instruments.   |
| [9]  | OIML D 19:1988<br>Pattern evaluation and pattern approval  | Provides advice, procedures and influencing factors on pattern evaluation and pattern approval.   |
| [10] | OIML D 20:1988<br>Initial and subsequent verification of measuring instruments and processes   | Provides advice, procedures and influencing factors on the choice between alternative approaches to verification and the procedures to be followed in the course of verification.   |

| Ref. | Standards and references  | Description  |
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| [11] | IEC 60068-2-1 Ed. 6.0 (2007-03)   | Basic environmental testing procedures - Part 2: Tests, Test Ad: Cold, for heat dissipating equipment under test (EUT), with gradual change of temperature.  |
| [12] | IEC 60068-2-2 (2007-07). Environmental testing Part 2: Tests, Test B: Dry heat  | Contains test Ba : dry heat for non heat dissipating specimen with sudden change of temperature; test Bb dry heat for non heat dissipating specimen with gradual change of temperature; tests Bc : dry heat for heat dissipating specimen with sudden change of temperature; test Bd dry heat for heat dissipating specimen with gradual change of temperature.  |
| [13] | IEC 60068-3-1 (1974-01) + Supplement A (1978-01): Environmental testing Part 3 Background information, Section 1: Cold and dry heat tests   | Gives background information for Tests A: Cold (IEC 68-2-1), and Tests B: Dry heat (IEC 68-2-2). Includes appendices on the effect of: chamber size on the surface temperature of a specimen when no forced air circulation is used; airflow on chamber conditions and on surface temperatures of test specimens; wire termination dimensions and material on surface temperature of a component; measurements of temperature, air velocity and emission coefficient.<br>Supplement A - Gives additional information for cases where temperature stability is not achieved during the test.  |
| [14] | IEC 60068-2-78 (2001-08) Environmental testing - Part 2-78: Tests - Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state (IEC 60068-2-78 replaces the following withdrawn standards: IEC 60068-2-3, test Ca and IEC 60068-2-56, test Cb) | Provides a test method for determining the suitability of electro-technical products, components or equipment for transportation, storage and use under conditions of high humidity. The test is primarily intended to permit the observation of the effect of high humidity at constant temperature without condensation on the specimen over a prescribed period.<br>This test provides a number of preferred severities of high temperature, high humidity and test duration. The test can be applied to both heat-dissipating and non-heat dissipating specimens. The test is applicable to small equipment or components as well as large equipment having complex interconnections with test equipment external to the chamber, requiring a set-up time which prevents the use of preheating and the maintenance of specified conditions during the installation period. |

| Ref. | Standards and references   | Description  |
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| [15] | IEC 60068-3-4 (2001-08)<br>Environmental testing - Part 3-4:<br>Supporting documentation and guidance -<br>Damp heat tests   | Provides the necessary information to assist in preparing relevant specifications, such as standards for components or equipment, in order to select appropriate tests and test severities for specific products and, in some cases, specific types of application. The object of damp heat tests is to determine the ability of products to withstand the stresses occurring in a high relative humidity environment, with or without condensation, and with special regard to variations of electrical and mechanical characteristics. Damp heat tests may also be utilized to check the resistance of a specimen to some forms of corrosion attack.   |
| [16] | IEC 60654-2 (1979-01), with amendment 1 (1992-09).<br>Operating conditions for industrial-<br>process measurement and control<br>equipment - Part 2: Power.  | Gives the limiting values for power received by land-based and offshore industrial process measurement and control systems or parts of systems during operation.   |
| [17] | IEC 61000-4-11 (2004-03)<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).<br>Part 4-11: Testing and measuring<br>techniques - Voltage dips, short<br>interruptions and voltage variations<br>immunity tests | Defines the immunity test methods and range of preferred test levels for electrical and electronic equipment connected to low-voltage power supply networks for voltage dips, short interruptions, and voltage variations. This standard applies to electrical and electronic equipment having a rated input current not exceeding 16 A per phase, for connection to 50 Hz or 60 Hz AC networks. It does not apply to electrical and electronic equipment for connection to 400 Hz AC networks. Tests for these networks will be covered by future IEC standards. The object of this standard is to establish a common reference for evaluating the immunity of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations. It has the status of a Basic EMC Publication in accordance with IEC Guide 107. |
| [18] | IEC 61000-4-4 (2004-07)<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).<br>Part 4-4: Testing and measurement<br>techniques - Electrical fast transient/burst<br>immunity test.                             | Establishes a common and reproducible reference for evaluating the immunity of electrical and electronic equipment when subjected to electrical fast transient/burst on supply, signal, control and earth ports. The test method documented in this part of IEC 61000-4 describes a consistent method to assess the immunity of an equipment or system against a defined phenomenon.<br>The standard defines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ test voltage waveform;</li> <li>▪ range of test levels;</li> <li>▪ test equipment;</li> <li>▪ verification procedures of test equipment;</li> <li>▪ test setup; and</li> <li>▪ test procedure.</li> </ul> The standard gives specifications for laboratory and post-installation tests.   |

| Ref. | Standards and references   | Description  |
|------|--|--|
| [19] | IEC 61000-4-5 Ed. 2.0 (2008-12)<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test.   | Relates to the immunity requirements, test methods, and range of recommended test levels for equipment to unidirectional surges caused by over-voltages from switching and lightning transients. Several test levels are defined which relate to different environment and installation conditions. These requirements are developed for and are applicable to electrical and electronic equipment. Establishes a common reference for evaluating the performance of equipment when subjected to high-energy disturbances on the power and inter-connection lines.   |
| [20] | IEC 61000-4-2 Ed. 2.0 (2009)<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test.                                    | Basic EMC Publication.<br>Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) - Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques - Section 2: Electrostatic discharge immunity test. Basic EMC Publication.  |
| [21] | IEC 61000-4-3 (2008-04) Ed. 3.1.<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test.       | Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) - Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques - Section 3: Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test.  |
| [22] | IEC 61000-4-6(2008-10) Ed. 3.0.<br>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields. | Relates to the conducted immunity requirements of electrical and electronic equipment to electromagnetic disturbances coming from intended radio-frequency (RF) transmitters in the frequency range 9 kHz up to 80 MHz. Equipment not having at least one conducting cable (such as mains supply, signal line or earth connection), which can couple the equipment to the disturbing RF fields is excluded. This standard does not intend to specify the tests to be applied to particular apparatus or systems. Its main aim is to give a general basic reference to all concerned product committees of the IEC. The product committees (or users and manufacturers of equipment) remain responsible for the appropriate choice of the test and the severity level to be applied to their equipment. |
| [23] | OIML D 31 General requirements for software controlled measuring instruments   | Contains general requirements for software controlled measuring instruments.   |
| [24] | OIML R 50-3:2014 Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers). Part 3: Test report format  | Test report format.  |
| [25] | ILAC-G24/OIML D 10 (2007) Guidelines for the determination of calibration intervals of measuring instruments   |  |



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| [26]        | IEC 60068-2-30 (1980-01) with amendment 1 (1985-08)<br>Environmental testing Part 2: Tests Test Db and guidance: Damp heat, cyclic(12 + 12-hour cycle) | Determines the suitability of components, equipment and other articles for use and/or storage under conditions of high humidity when combined with cyclic temperature changes.<br>Amendment 1 replaces the third paragraph of clause 8, Recovery. |