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Information Sheet on the Amendment of the Measuring Instruments Directive 2004/22/EC in respect of the exploitation of the maximum permissible errors (MPEs) specified in the instrument-specific annexes MI-001 to MI-005

The Commission of the European Communities has modified the instrument-specific annexes for water meters (MI-001), gas meters and volume conversion devices (MI-002), active electrical energy meters (MI-003), heat meters (MI-004) and measuring systems for the continuous and dynamic measurement of quantities of liquids other than water (MI-005) of the Measuring Instruments Directive 2004/22/EC by an amending Directive regarding the provisions for respecting the maximum permissible errors. By means of this amendment, the interdiction to exploit the maximum permissible errors (MPEs) as well as the interdiction to systematically favour one of the involved parties, which are both already contained in the general requirements of the directive, are incorporated into the Annexes MI-001 and MI-003 to MI-005, and the previous "Same Sign Rule" in MI-002 is adapted to this regulation.

The amendment was effected within the scope of the Directive 2009/137/EC of the Commission (OJ L 294, p. 7) of 10 November 2009. The Member States have to transpose the modifications into national law by 1 December 2010. The amended national provisions have to be implemented by **1 June 2011**.

PTB will check within the scope of production monitoring whether those manufacturers who have a QM system available that has been recognized in this regard by PTB actually implement these provisions. A new evaluation of previously issued type examination certificates is not necessary.

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