

FRENCH REPUBLIC

Ministry of the Economy, Finance and
Industrial and Digital Sovereignty

Order of xxxxxx 2026 **relating to the placing on the market of automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads**

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Target audience: *companies and bodies designated to conduct type examinations and initial verification of new instruments, who are concerned with automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads.*

Subject: *requirements applicable to the design, manufacture and testing prior to placing on the market of automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads.*

Entry into force: *1 XXX 2027.*

Application: *this order is issued pursuant to Decree No 2001-387 of 3 May 2001 on the control of measuring instruments and amends the Order of 10 January 2006, as amended, relating to automatic weighing instruments, in service.*

The Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (codification);

Having regard to Decree No 2001-387 of 3 May 2001, as amended, on the inspection of measuring instruments;

Having regard to the Order of 31 December 2001, as amended, establishing the procedures for applying certain provisions of Decree No 2001-387 of 3 May 2001 on the inspection of measuring instruments;

Having regard to the Order of 25 February 2002, as amended, on the initial verification of certain categories of measuring instruments;

Having regard to the Order of 10 January 2006, as amended, relating to automatic weighing instruments, in service;

Having regard to notification No 202XX/XXX/FR addressed to the European Commission on XX/MONTH/2025,

Hereby orders:

Title I

DEFINITIONS AND ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Article 1

This order applies to the design, manufacture and testing prior to placing on the market and putting into service of automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads.

These instruments are hereafter referred to as ‘instruments’.

Article 2

The instruments referred to in Article 1 shall comply with the provisions of this order and with the requirements set out in Recommendation R 134 of the International Organisation of Legal Metrology, 2006 edition, ‘Automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads’, hereinafter referred to as Recommendation R 134.

Article 3

The maximum permissible errors applicable to the type examination and initial verification of new instruments shall be those defined in Recommendation R 134 for the initial verification.

Article 4

Pursuant to Article 47 of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001, the instruments shall bear one or more identification plates containing the information and markings provided for in Recommendation R 134 and, where applicable, provided for in the type examination certificate. Each plate shall be irremovable and positioned in such a way that it is always easily accessible without moving the instruments under their normal conditions of use.

Pursuant to Article 49 of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001, the type examination mark consisting of the number and date of the type examination certificate must appear on one of the identification plates.

Pursuant to Article 50 of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001, the initial verification mark for the new instrument shall be applied to one of the identification plates.

The instruments shall incorporate a space for applying the regulatory verification marks such that they are visible without dismantling the instrument under normal conditions of use.

If instruments at the same site have elements in common, arrangements shall be made to ensure that each verification mark relates unambiguously to each instrument.

Article 5

In order to be placed on the market, the instruments referred to in Article 1 of this order shall be subject to the following control operations:

- type examination,
- initial verification of new instruments.

These operations are defined in Chapters I and II of Title III of the above-mentioned Decree of 3 May 2001 and in Titles II and III of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001.

Title II

TYPE EXAMINATION

Article 6

In addition to the elements provided for in Article 5 of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001, type examination applications for the instruments referred to in Article 1 must include the following elements in French:

- the technical documentation provided for in Recommendation R 134;
- the installation instructions;
- the draft user manual;
- the draft metrological book provided for in Article 6 of the above-mentioned Order of 10 January 2006;
- the draft identification plate;
- any useful information concerning the verification procedures.

The body responsible for the type examination may also request any additional elements necessary for examination of the application.

Article 7

The type examination certificate shall specify the mode of operation and use of the instrument, as well as the specific procedures for the initial verification and the in-service control. It shall, if necessary, specify the procedures for replacing certain constituent parts of the instrument and establish the particular conditions of the initial verification following this replacement.

Title III

INITIAL VERIFICATION OF NEW INSTRUMENTS

Article 8

Initial verification of new instruments shall be carried out in accordance with Articles 18 and 19 of the above-mentioned Decree of 3 May 2001 and the general provisions laid down in the Order of 31 December 2001 implementing it.

The compliance elements shall be those set out in Article 21 of the above-mentioned Order of 10 January 2006.

The examinations and tests to be carried out for the initial verification are described in recommendation R 134 and, where applicable, in the type examination certificate.

The initial verification of a new instrument constitutes the first in-service control and leads to application of the corresponding mark provided for in Article 52 of the above-mentioned Order of 31 December 2001.

Title IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 9

The above-mentioned Order of 10 January 2006 is amended as follows:

1. In the fourth subparagraph of Article 2, in the fourth subparagraph of Article 4, in Article 5, in the second subparagraph of Article 12 and in the last subparagraph of Article 15, the words: ‘automatic road weighbridges’ are replaced by the words: ‘automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads’;

2. In the second subparagraph of Article 3, the words: ‘automatic road weighbridges’ are replaced by the words: ‘Automatic instrument for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads’;

3. Annex I to the element: ‘LIST OF SUB-CATEGORIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE ORDER OF 10 JANUARY 2006 RELATING TO AUTOMATIC WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS, IN SERVICE’ of the element ‘Annexes’ is replaced by an Annex I worded as follows:

‘Annex I

continuous totalisers on a conveyor belt, known as continuous totalisers;

discontinuous totalisers;

catchweighers;

automatic gravimetric filling instruments (weight-dosers);

automatic rail weighbridges;

automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and measuring axle loads for which a type examination certificate has been issued by reference to Recommendation R 134 of the International Organisation of Legal Metrology (OIML).’.

Article 10

The Director-General for Companies shall be responsible for implementing this order, which shall be published in the *Official Journal* of the French Republic.

Done on 2025,

For the Minister and by delegation:

The Deputy Director of Standardisation, Product Regulation and Metrology,

D. RUEL