

National Conference on Weights and Measures
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Attn: Chair, Specification and Tolerances (S&T) Committee
RE: WIM-23.1

August 14, 2023

RE: NIST Handbook 44 Amendments, Weigh-In-Motion Systems Code

Mr. Glass:

We want to thank the committee for their valuable input throughout the last year in moving this proposal forward. We have updated the proposal to address two major items:

1. After the annual meeting we realized that removing the word "tentative" from the screening code would have inadvertent repercussions to states that currently use WIM for screening and have their own procedures for calibration. While it appears not many use the tentative screening procedure from the handbook, that has not been the focus of our attention and we do not want to impede the ability of the various states to manage over weight trucks on their highways. We would like to address this concern proactively. Based on your guidance on this issue, we have edited the title of the chapter as well as updated the language at the top of the chapter that was previously in the screening code. We hope this will allow for the screening code to be separated from the direct enforcement requirements.
2. Some of the gaps that were identified by NIST between the proposal and the relevant OIML and scale codes were discussed and language has been added to make the proposal more complete and in line with comparable sections in the handbook.

Attached please see the updated proposal as well as the gap analysis with cross reference to updated sections within the updated proposal. We request that these important updates make it in your final report for the annual meeting so that the upcoming regional meeting materials reflect the most up to date document. We hope that by doing this and by participating in the regional meetings we will be able to resolve any outstanding concerns from the members and move forward to a voting status at the next interim meeting.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the S&T committee members.

Sincerely,

WIM-23.1 Submitters

Cc: S&T Committee members