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PTB and LNE sign a cooperation agreement to expand their certification services for manufacturers of measuring instruments covered by the MID and NAWI Directives

On 24 October 2007 a cooperation agreement in the legal metrology field was signed by Michael Kühne, Member of the Presidential Board of the **Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt** (PTB, Germany) and Jean-Luc Laurent, Managing Director of the **Laboratoire National de Métrologie et d'Essais** (LNE, France).

This cooperation agreement will enable PTB and LNE to expand the range of certification services they provide for manufacturers in the context of the conformity assessment modules (type examination and quality system approval) specified in new-approach European Directives 2004/22/EC (measuring instruments) and 90/384/EEC (non-automatic weighing instruments).

PTB and LNE will now be able to perform instrument type tests (assessment of metrological performance, simulation of climatic and electromagnetic operating conditions) considerably faster. Test results and certificates issued by either institute will be recognized throughout Europe.

This cooperation agreement is of particular interest to manufacturers of weighing instruments (automatic or non-automatic) and heat meters.

By pooling their extensive resources and expertise, PTB and LNE will provide manufacturers of measuring instruments with the widest spectrum of certification services in Europe, covering both statutory conformity and voluntary certification (ISO 9001 and ISO 14001).

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About PTB:

The Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) is the German national metrology institute providing scientific and technical services. PTB measures with the highest accuracy and reliability – metrology as the core competence.

About LNE:

The French National Laboratory of Metrology and Testing (LNE) is a state owned enterprise with some 750 staff. It provides expert services to all companies and bodies involved in product quality and safety. LNE's five core activities are research, calibration and consulting in metrology, testing and analysis, certification and training.