

UWLA Technical Committee Meeting

Minutes/Notes

Wednesday 01 July 2026 – 09:30 hrs CET - Hybrid

Chair

- Mike Fox – IKEA of Sweden AB – Technical Committee Chair

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- Diane Cartlidge – UWLA Associate Administrator

Attendees in Person

- Armando Afonso – ANQIP
- Judit Almunia – Roca Sanitario
- Anne-Claire Bruant – FECS
- Lee Cartwright – UWLA Managing Director
- Markus Gantenbein – Geberit – UWLA President
- Timo Kopka – Laufen Bathrooms
- Patrick Piechotta – Hansgrohe AG
- Nick Post - Hydraloop
- Carla Rodrigues – ANQIP
- Paul Skinner – UWLA Technical
- Jonathan Weigand – Globus

Attendees Online

- Pau Abello – Roca Limited
- Burak Akcay - Klundi
- Neil Baxter – Mira Showers
- Xavier Cazorla - Genebre
- Ling Chen
- Martin Dunisch – Megabad Gmbh
- Michael Haefliger - KWC
- Mike Fox – IKEA
- Henk Giesken – Nineteen Group Ltd
- Jonathan Price - Kiwa
- Maite Serra - Agrival
- Sitora Šlauterytė - IKEA
- Patrick Wittwer - Geberit
- Zlatica Znakova - Bristan

1 Meeting Opening

(a) Welcome and Apologies

Lee Cartwright and Mike Fox extended a warm welcome to all participants.

(b) Competition Law Reminder

All participants were referred to the UWLA Competition Law Statement, available at www.uwla.eu. This statement outlines the boundaries for discussion and decision-making to ensure compliance with the Competition Act.

2 Previous Minutes

Minutes dated 25 November 2025 previously circulated were approved with no amendments or Action Points carried forward.

3 Technical Update

(a) 2025 Audit Summary

- 5% Selected for Audit
- Members Selected 64
- Products 253
- Passed 27
- Awaiting Test Reports 7
- No Contact Details 14
- No Longer Members 4
- No Response 12
- Non-Conformances 1

(b) 2026 Audit – Proposal to have greater focus on the Member with 5% of product selected by identification of Member for audit with product randomly selected.

Additionally, proposal to audit data for selected Members e.g. Contacts, Product Validity, Member's Process for Calculating Flow Rate, Volume etc, Audit of Member Processes with random selection of products for Testing and Verification.

(c) MWELS Response Working Group – WG met on 20 February 2026 to discuss the MWELS Technical Briefing of 16 January 2026 with the following participants: -

- Mike Fox – Chair
- Timo Kopka
- Patrick Wittwer
- Ludovic Hauer
- Paul Skinner

Response produced with points raised for discussion with DEFRA. This highlighted risks around implementation, label design, product performance criteria, regulatory alignment and practical feasibility. Additionally, it was felt the timeline was too ambitious. There was a risk of customer confusion e.g. multiple scales – Colour, A-F, Flow/Volume and visually similar to the EU Energy Label. It was also highlighted that the Taps Flow Rate Banding is too tight.

It was advised that EA and DEFRA have welcomed future discussions, however, many areas are not, as yet, confirmed by the MWELS team. In particular EN 18021 has not been considered and the MWELS team stated there is currently no evidence to substantiate concerns about drainage and drain carry.

(d) Discussion Around Introduction of New Technical Criteria

Proposition to expand scope and product categories in particular to clarify requirements for shower sets, shower systems and control (valves). To refine definitions and structure and introduce more granular rating classification. Where possible aligned with EN 18021 and clarify energy and performance calculations.

It was suggested the new Technical Criteria, once defined, could be aligned with the new label design implementation with a potential timeline/transitional period of 18 months.

ACTION: LC – liaise with Steve Irons (Team Valley) to discuss database requirements re New Label and Technical Criteria.

ACTION: - MF to create a proposal re roll out of new Technical Criteria and forward to MG/LC for further discussion at the next Board Meeting.

ACTION: - LC Once revised/accepted by the Board - New Technical Criteria to be circulated to the Membership including details of expected timeline of new criteria and new label launch.

(e) Other Planned Technical Activities

(i) Smaller more focused Technical Working Groups to be established: -

- Electric Showers – Start-up Meeting 13 July 2026
- Urinal Controllers – Start-up Meeting 15 July 2026
- Flow Rate Regulators – TBC

(ii) Database Improvement – Current Database does not reflect what is required by Specifiers, Customers etc. It is therefore proposed for fields to search by: -

- Company
- Brand
- Category
- Product Range
- Product Code
- Product Description
- Actual Flow Rate
- Actual Volume
- EU Country
- Non-EU Country (excluding UK)
- United Kingdom

(f) Drinking Warm Water Consumption Proposal – Presented by Patrick Piechotta, Hansgrohe Group

Presentation detailed effect of domestic hot water consumption on energy performance of buildings with a goal of: -

- Empower Homeowners
- Reward Savings
- Raise Awareness for Energy |Impact
- Drive Market Demand

Involvement of UWLA was sought and confirmed with LC advising he will provide information and statistics as required.

Date of next meeting – AGM Wednesday 25 November 2026.

