

OIML MEETING REPORT

TC 8/SC 5

Paris, 9–10 November 2000

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The meeting, which was chaired by Dr. Michael Reader-Harris (NEL, UK), was held at the offices of AFNOR, Paris La Défense. 22 delegates attended representing 12 Member States.

It was reported that since the previous meeting in November 1999, International Recommendation R 49-1 *Water meters intended for the metering of cold potable water, Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements*, has been published and drafts of R 49-2 (Method of test) and R 49-3 (Test report format) had been sent to SC 5 for comment.

The comments on these two drafts were considered by the Sub-committee and, as a result of the changes agreed, new committee drafts are being prepared by the secretariat. Full details of the agreed changes can be seen from the minutes (Doc. 178) which were sent to members on 29 November 2000.

It was noted that some of the requirements in R 49-1 concerning the testing of electronic water meters have been superseded because of revisions to IEC standards (to which OIML D 11 refers). In order to remedy this, an amendment to R 49-1 will be sent out to Member States and, in addition, a working group has been set up to look at the revisions required to R 49-1. The working group has one year to complete its task and report back to SC 5.

It had been the intention to send drafts of R 49-2 and R 49-3 to the members of OIML TC 8/SC 5 for voting and subsequently to seek CIML approval at its 36th Meeting in September 2001. However, the changes required to R 49-1 have consequences for R 49 parts 2 and 3. It was therefore agreed to ballot SC 5 members to ask if R 49-2 should be submitted to the CIML in 2001 as planned, or to delay doing so for one year until the documents can be updated with the new requirements for testing electronic water meters.

The following agreed time scale is intended to allow R 49-2 to be submitted to the CIML in 2001 for approval if that is the wish of SC 5:

- By mid-December 2000 the Secretary should revise R 49-2 and send it with the ballot paper to SC 5 for voting and comment.
- SC 5 should return the ballot paper and their vote on R 49-2 by the beginning of February 2001.
- If the ballot requires that R 49-2 should be presented to the CIML in time for its 36th Meeting in September 2001, then the results of the vote and the draft R 49-2 (taking into account comments received) should be sent to the BIML by the end of February 2001.
- The BIML would send the draft to CIML Members for voting and comment, voting being completed by the end of June 2001.
- The BIML would send CIML Members' comments to the Secretary of SC 5 to be collated.
- The BIML would send the final draft to the CIML by the end of August 2001 for approval at its September 2001 Meeting.
- R 49-3, which can be approved by postal vote, would follow closely behind.

At the invitation of Mr. R. Eggermont, the next meeting of OIML TC 8/SC 5 is to be held on 9–10 October 2001 in Brussels at the Ministère des Affaires Économiques, Boulevard Albert II, 116, B-1000 Brussels, Belgium. ■