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**Note
to CIML Members and OIML Issuing Authorities**

Subject: MAA Implementation

Further to BIML circular dated November 15 2004, the implementation of the Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA) has begun with the following two categories:

- R 60 *Load cells*; and
- R 76 *Nonautomatic weighing instruments*.

Up to now, sixteen participants have been registered for the Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) related to OIML R 60 and seventeen for that related to OIML R 76.

Considering these participations, the Committee on Participation Review (CPR) is being established. Only one CPR will be constituted for these two DoMCs as their scopes are similar. In line with OIML B 10-1, naturally the members of the CPR are representatives of those OIML Members States who signed the DoMCs, and this first CPR will be a provisional one.

The first meeting of the CPR is planned to be held on 15 June 2005 in Lyon prior to the 40th CIML Meeting. In order to send the working documents to the CPR members well in advance of the meeting, the Bureau has decided to request that all candidacies be received before 1 April 2005, following which the provisional CPR will be definitively established on 15 April 2005.

During the first meeting of the CPR, each Issuing Participant's application will be examined in order to define whether a peer assessment is necessary. After this meeting the peer assessment process will begin and the CPR's composition should be the same during the whole process until the second meeting which it is planned to hold on 15 January 2006. At this time, voting will be carried out to confirm the definitive participants.

Thereafter, applications for new participations in these two DoMCs would be taken into account after the signature of the DoMCs.

You are kindly invited to send your application to the Bureau as quickly as possible if you intend to participate at the beginning of the process.

We would like to take the opportunity of this circular to remind you that much information about the MAA process (e.g. timetable, interpretations of OIML Publication B 10-1, content of an application) is available on the MAA pages of the OIML website: <http://www.oiml.org/maa>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the BIML if you require any additional information.

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