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

Subject: MAA Implementation

Dear Colleagues,

Further to the implementation of the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA) which began in January 2005 with OIML R 60 *Load cells* and R 76 *Nonautomatic weighing instruments* and as suggested at the 40th CIML Meeting in Lyon, it has been decided to continue this implementation with an additional category. This new category is R 49 *Water meters intended for the metering of cold portable water*.

Candidacies for participation in this new Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) are now open and OIML Issuing Authorities intending to participate and to issue Certificates and Test Reports under this DoMC and become Issuing Participants, are requested to send their application to the BIML at the latest by March 31, 2006 with a copy to their CIML Member.

We would remind you that at this stage in the proceedings, this application does not formally commit participants to signing once the DoMC is finalized.

Other participants from OIML Member States who wish to participate, but who will *not* be issuing Certificates and Test Reports under these DoMCs, are kindly requested to make their intentions known to the Bureau by the same deadline, so that they can be registered as Utilizing Participants and be represented in the provisional Committee on Participation Review (CPR) which will be established at the outset of the process.

Issuing Participants will be required to pay to the Bureau a fee of 1 500 € (one thousand five hundred Euros) in counterpart for the Bureau's workload related to the processing of their application.

Participation is free of charge for Utilizing Participants.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the content of the application file:

- An official letter confirming participation in the MAA and the type of participation (Issuing Participant or Utilizing Participant);
- The most recent internal audit according to ISO/IEC Guide 65 using the Checklists (OIML B 10-2);
- A certificate of accreditation covering the scope of the DoMC, if applicable;
- Evidence, if applicable, that this accreditation has been issued under the ILAC MRA;
- Information about the type testing capabilities (Annex C of OIML B 10-1);
- A list of subcontracting testing laboratories indicating, for each one, which tests it performs;
- The certificates of accreditation of the subcontracting testing laboratories, if applicable;
- The most recent internal audit of each subcontracting testing laboratory according to ISO/IEC 17025 using the Checklists (OIML B 10-2);
- The results of intercomparisons, if applicable;
- Information about additional tests and examinations required for national type approval, if applicable;
- A copy of the most recent OIML Test Report(s) issued for the considered category.

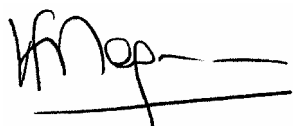
Once all the applications are received and after having been notified of the intentions of the other participants, the Bureau will ask the CIML Members to designate representatives for the CPR and to propose technical experts for the peer assessments. The provisional composition of the CPR will then be fixed and the study of the application will commence.

CIML Members are invited to forward this Circular to their national OIML Issuing Authorities and to any national type approval body or national responsible body that may be concerned by the MAA implementation.


We would like to take the opportunity of this Circular to remind you that much information about the MAA process (e.g. information related to the implementation for the first two categories, operating rules for the CPR and DoMCs, interpretations of OIML Publication B 10-1, content of an application, etc.) 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.

Yours faithfully,

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Jean-François Magaña
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