



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

Subject: Publication of R 49 Declaration of Mutual Confidence

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*, whose Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) were published on 29 September 2006, we are pleased to inform you that a third DoMC on the basis of OIML R 49 *Water meters intended for the metering of cold potable water and hot water* has been officially published on the MAA pages of the OIML web site.

The publication is in the form a summary of the individual registration forms signed by each participant. The original registration forms are kept by the BIML.

The summary indicates in particular:

- the Participants in the DoMC and their Testing Laboratories, if applicable,
- the status of participation (Issuing Participant or Utilizing Participant),
- the evaluation capabilities of the Issuing Participants,
- the additional requirements accepted by the Committee on Participation Review (CPR).

References of the applicable testing procedures related to the additional requirements are mentioned in the summary. The relevant testing procedure is also available on the MAA pages of the OIML web site.

As soon as the DoMC is officially published, Issuing Participants will issue their OIML Evaluation Reports and OIML Certificates of Conformity under the MAA. We would remind you that the fees adopted by the CIML for registering an OIML Certificate under a DoMC are 520 € in 2007 and 530 € in 2008.

Issuing Authorities which do not participate in the DoMC, or which participate as a Utilizing Participant only, may continue to issue their OIML Evaluation Report and OIML Certificates of Conformity according to the requirements of OIML B 3 until a date to be decided by the CIML at its 43rd Meeting. According to the resolution approved on the MAA at the 42nd CIML Meeting in Shanghai, the BIML is invited to draw up a resolution to define the conditions for issuing OIML Basic Certificates and OIML MAA Certificates in parallel. This resolution will be submitted for approval at the 43rd CIML Meeting.

Further to this official publication, the final CPR has been established. The list of representatives in the R 49 CPR is now freely available on the MAA pages.

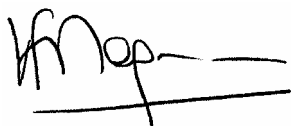
According to the operating rules defined in OIML MAA 01, we are pleased to inform you that applications from new potential Utilizing Participants may be submitted to the BIML at any time. Their registration in the DoMC is automatically accepted provided that the Utilizing Participant does not request any additional requirements to be included in the DoMC. Otherwise, such applications and those from potential new Issuing Participants shall be examined by the CPR. To this end, new participants are kindly invited to send in their application files by **1 June 2008**.

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 remind you that much information about the MAA process (e.g. information related to the implementation, 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 web site: www.oiml.org/maa.

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

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Jean-François Magaña, consisting of stylized initials 'JFM' followed by a horizontal line.

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