



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

**Subject: Applications for new participants in the R 60 and R 76 Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMCs)**

Dear Colleagues,

The R 60 and R 76 DoMCs were signed in September 2006. OIML B 10-1 *Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML Type Evaluations* and in particular its section 8 defines the rules for maintaining DoMCs.

These rules have been detailed and clarified in the OIML MAA 01 document *Operating rules of the Committee on Participation Review and of Declarations of Mutual Confidence* and in particular in its section 10.

As soon as a DoMC is signed, the appropriate Committee on Participation Review (CPR) organizes an intermediate documentary assessment of Issuing Participants every two years and the formal renewal of participations every four years. This means that for the R 60 and R 76 DoMCs, the first intermediate documentary assessment is due to be completed by the end of September 2008. To this end, Issuing Participants have been requested to submit the necessary documentation to the BIML.

Since there will be a R 60/R 76 CPR consultation to review this documentation, we feel it is appropriate to take this opportunity to invite new potential participants (and also participants who request a modification of their participation status) to send their application to the BIML **at the latest by April 15, 2008**, with a copy to their CIML Member.

**Potential Issuing Participants** are requested to include the following documentation in support of their application:

- An official letter confirming participation in the MAA and the type of participation (Issuing Participant or Utilizing Participant for each category);
- The most recent internal audit report 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 delivered by a National Accreditation Body which is an ILAC-MRA signatory;
- Information about the type testing capabilities (Annex C of OIML B 10-1);
- A list of subcontracting testing laboratories indicating, for each, which tests it performs;
- The certificates of accreditation of the subcontracting testing laboratories, if applicable;
- The most recent internal audit report of each subcontracting testing laboratory according to ISO/IEC 17025 using the Checklists (OIML B 10-2);

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- 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(ies).

**Potential Utilizing Participants** are also invited to specify additional tests and examinations required for national type approval, if any. For that purpose, they are requested to fill in the “Questionnaire for Utilizing Participants” which is available under the heading “Documentation – General” on the MAA pages of the OIML web site.

Finally, I am pleased to remind you that CIML Members of new potential participating countries are kindly invited to designate their CPR representative who will participate in the next electronic consultation of R 60/R 76 CPR Members. The deadline for designating potential additional CPR representatives is also **April 15, 2008**.

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](http://www.oiml.org/maa)**.

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

Yours faithfully,



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