



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

**Subject: Applications for new participants in the R 49, R 60 and R 76
Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMCs)**

Dear Colleagues,

As you are probably aware, a number of Resolutions related to the OIML Certificate System and the MAA were submitted to the CIML for approval at its 43rd Meeting in October 2008. The aim of these Resolutions is to render the implementation of the OIML Certificate System and the MAA more efficient, without having to wait for the completion of the revisions of OIML B 3 and OIML B 10 respectively.

Two of these Resolutions merit being highlighted due to their possible consequences on the applications for participation in the DoMCs:

- the OIML Basic Certificate System and the OIML MAA will remain in parallel as long as the CIML does not decide to stop the OIML Basic Certificate System for a given category;
- for the time being, test results provided by manufacturers of measuring instruments remain outside the scope of the MAA and consequently cannot be taken into account to issue OIML MAA Certificates. However, Issuing Participants in a DoMC who would use manufacturers' test results in their Evaluation Reports are allowed to issue an OIML Basic Certificate of Conformity until such time as the MAA provides the possibility to issue an OIML MAA Certificate.

We are pleased to remind you that further discussions on manufacturers' test results will take place at the combined R 49/R 60/R 76 CPR meeting to be held in June 2009.

R 49 CPR and R 60/R 76 CPR meetings could also be held in conjunction with this combined meeting. Consequently, 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, 2009**, with a copy to their CIML Member or OIML Contact (for Corresponding Members).

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) or directly ISO/IEC Guide 65 together with OIML D 29 ;
- a certificate of accreditation covering the scope of the DoMC, if applicable;

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- 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) or directly ISO/IEC 17025 together with OIML D 30;
- 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.

In addition, we are pleased to remind you that CIML Members or OIML Contacts (for Corresponding 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, 2009**.

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 also available on the MAA pages of the OIML web site: **www.oiml.org/maa**.

Finally, we would like to inform you that the BIML envisages launching new Declarations of Mutual Confidence in 2010. To this end, the BIML is drawing up a synthesis of OIML Certificates issued per category and of the number of Issuing Authorities per category. On the basis of this synthesis, the BIML will conduct an inquiry to evaluate the number of potential participants in the DoMCs to be started.

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

Yours faithfully,

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