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Aux: Membres du CIML

To: CIML Members

**Objet: Royaume-Uni:  
Nouvelle organisation**

**Subject: United Kingdom:  
New organization**

Chers Collègues,

Dear Colleagues,

Nous avons été informés (voir lettre jointe) des changements suivants pour le Royaume-Uni:

We have been informed (see letter attached) of the following changes for the United Kingdom:

- L'autorité de métrologie et de métrologie légale est le NMO (détails ci-dessous),
- Le Membre du CIML, M. Peter Mason, inchangé, est le Directeur du NMO,
- le NWML, subdivision du NMO, reste l'autorité de délivrance GB1 de Certificats OIML.

- The metrology and legal metrology authority is NMO (details below),
- The CIML Member, Mr. Peter Mason, unchanged, is the Chief Executive of NMO,
- NWML (details unchanged), which is part of NMO, is still the British Issuing Authority GB1.

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Meilleures salutations,

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## Changes to UK's National Measurement Infrastructure

1 April 2009 will see two significant developments for the UK's national measurement infrastructure and for the National Weights and Measures Laboratory (NWML).

Firstly, from that date the Agency will become responsible for the whole of the UK's National Measurement System (NMS), including the NMS Programme which provides funding for the National Measurement Institutes in the UK. Secondly, in recognition of the significance of this expansion the Agency will be changing its name to the **National Measurement Office** from 1 April 2009. The National Measurement Office will continue to be an Executive Agency of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS). "NWML" will continue to be used in connection with the Agency's certification and calibration activities for the foreseeable future.

The newly expanded Agency will be responsible for all aspects of the national measurement system, which includes investment in the UK's scientific measurement infrastructure in addition to the policy on national legal metrology. This will bring the UK more in line with the more common international position where scientific metrology (the core of the NMS work) and legal metrology (the traditional responsibility of the Agency and including statutory responsibility for gas and electricity meters from 1 April 2009) are closely aligned or fully integrated.

Commenting on these developments, NWML Chief Executive Peter Mason, who will continue as Chief Executive of the National Measurement Office, said:

"I should like to emphasise that the National Measurement Office's commitment to carrying out the legal metrology functions of the old NWML will remain as strong as ever. We have taken on a number of additional responsibilities in the last four years and I believe the result of each one of these extensions has been to make us a stronger and more effective partner. In particular I am hopeful that as a result of these most recent changes we can devote more attention to legal metrology issues outside our traditional area of Weights & Measures.

I look forward to continuing to work with colleagues across the international metrology community as we move into what I hope will be an exciting period for metrology in the UK. For its part the National Measurement Office will continue to support international efforts to promote the effective application of both scientific and legal measurement. "

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