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

**Subject: New Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) for Automatic catchweighing instruments**

Dear Colleagues,

Following the launch of the first three Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMCs) related to:

- *Load cells* on the basis of OIML R 60:2000;
- *Nonautomatic weighing instruments* on the basis of OIML R 76-1:1992, R 76-2:1993, R 76-1:2006 and R 76-2:2007; and
- *Water meters* on the basis of OIML R 49-1:2006, R 49-2:2006 and R 49-3:2006;

the BIML is pursuing the implementation of the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA) with the addition of a new category, *Automatic catchweighing instruments* on the basis of OIML R 51-1:2006 and R 51-2:2006.

Candidacies for participation in this new DoMC are now open and OIML Issuing Authorities wishing to become Issuing Participants (and hence issue Certificates and Evaluation Reports under this DoMC) are requested to send their application to the BIML at the latest by **November 30, 2009** with a copy to their CIML Member.

Other participants from OIML Member States or Corresponding Members wishing to participate, but which will *not* be issuing Certificates and Evaluation 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 1 620 € (one thousand six hundred and twenty Euros) in counterpart for the Bureau's workload related to the processing of their application and on the basis of Resolution no. 16 of the 13th OIML Conference held in Sydney in October 2008.

Participation is free of charge for Utilizing Participants.

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We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the requirements when submitting an application file:

- For both Issuing and Utilizing Participants:
  - An official letter confirming participation in the MAA and the type of participation (Issuing Participant or Utilizing Participant);
  - Information about additional tests and examinations required for national type approval which would be included in the scope of the DoMC - in such a case, detailed testing procedures shall be provided to be examined by the CPR;
  
- For Issuing Participants only:
  - The most recent internal audit according to ISO/IEC Guide 65 using section 3 of the Checklists (OIML B 10-2);
  - Information about the type testing capabilities (Annex C of OIML B 10-1 and the appropriate form available on the MAA pages of the OIML web site <http://www.oiml.org/maa>, under the heading “Documentation”);
  - A list of subcontracting testing laboratories indicating, for each one, which tests it performs;
  - The certificates of accreditation of the subcontracting testing laboratories and their most recent accreditation assessment report which includes the relevant scope of the DoMC, if applicable;
  - The most recent internal audit of each subcontracting testing laboratory according to ISO/IEC 17025 using section 4 of the Checklists (OIML B 10-2);
  - The results of intercomparisons, if any;
  - A copy of the most recent OIML Test Report(s) issued for the considered category.

CIML Members and contact persons of Corresponding Members from countries applying for participating in the R 51 DoMC are invited to designate representatives for the R 51 CPR, the provisional composition of which will then be fixed and the study of applications will commence. The Bureau will also ask CIML Members to propose technical experts who will be involved in the peer assessments and accreditation assessment of the Issuing Participants in the DoMC.

CIML Members and Corresponding Members are invited to forward this Circular to their national 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 this opportunity to remind you that much information about the MAA process (e.g. information related to the implementation for the first three 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 web site (<http://www.oiml.org/maa>).

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

Yours faithfully,



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