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Note to CIML Members, OIML Corresponding Members, Participants in Declarations of Mutual Confidence and OIML Issuing Authorities

Subject: Resolution no. 20 of the 43rd CIML Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

The BIML would like to remind you that, as a general principle, an Issuing Participant in a Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) should issue OIML MAA Certificates only.

Nevertheless, considering the ongoing discussions in particular to define the conditions under which results of tests conducted by manufacturers could be taken into account to issue OIML MAA Evaluation Reports and OIML MAA Certificates, Resolution no. 20 was adopted at the 43rd CIML Meeting in Sydney.

This Resolution specifies the conditions under which Issuing Participants in a DoMC may still be allowed to issue OIML Certificates outside the MAA, now called OIML *Basic* Certificates.

OIML *Basic* Certificates may still be issued by Issuing Participants in a DoMC in the event that results of tests outside the scope of the DoMC are taken into account (e.g. test results from manufacturers) in the Evaluation Reports.

At the combined R 49/R 60/R 76 CPR Meeting held in Switzerland in June 2009, CPR Members felt that it would be appropriate to clarify the exact meaning of "tests outside the scope of the DoMC" in order to guarantee harmonized interpretations among Issuing Participants.

To this end, CPR Members made the following interpretation.

The following tests are considered outside the scope of a DoMC and could oblige Issuing Participants to issue an OIML *Basic* Certificate instead of an OIML MAA Certificate:

- Tests, the results of which are issued by manufacturers;
- Tests performed on the basis of the relevant OIML Recommendation but outside the scope of the testing capabilities of the Issuing Participants as defined in the DoMC;
- Tests, the results of which are taken into account from a Basic Evaluation Report.

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CPR Members' intention was to submit a new Resolution for approval at the 44th CIML Meeting in October 2009 to validate this clarification. However, in agreement with the BIML Director, it was decided that since this amounts to clarification only (rather than a fundamental change to the Resolution itself) a BIML Circular would be sufficient.

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

Yours faithfully,

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