



**Note
to CIML Members and OIML Corresponding Members**

Subject: Inquiry on the use of accreditation in conformity assessment in legal metrology

Dear Colleagues,

In 2007 the OIML signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ILAC (International Laboratory Cooperation) and the IAF (International Accreditation Forum).

The cooperation defined in this MoU is implemented through an ILAC/OIML Joint Working Program which is updated every year, and among the actions defined in March 2009 in the 2009–2010 Program, we undertook to organize an inquiry in order to collect information concerning:

- countries requesting accreditation of national type approval bodies, and/or bodies responsible for initial and periodic verifications;
- the requirements defined for the traceability of measurements in the field of legal metrology.

The aim is to provide ILAC and IAF Members with information on national requirements on accreditation in the field of legal metrology in the various countries in order to improve our cooperation, in particular the organization of accreditation assessments in legal metrology, the use of appropriate technical and metrological experts, and the development of appropriate training sessions for lead assessors from National Accreditation Bodies involved in assessments in legal metrology.

It is intended that the scope of such cooperation will not be restricted to the international level, but that it will also be extended to include national cooperation between Legal Metrology Bodies and Accreditation Bodies.

To this end, the BIML has drawn up a questionnaire to be filled in by CIML Members and Contact persons of OIML Corresponding Members. We kindly request that you scan and return the completed inquiry to the BIML for my personal attention (regine.gaucher@oiml.org):

at the latest by January 31, 2010.

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The questionnaire has been drawn up on the basis of the existing known concepts of conformity assessment of measuring instruments in the various countries. It is not intended to be exhaustive, therefore additional information may be provided, if necessary, at the end of the questionnaire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Gaucher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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BIML INQUIRY
(CIML Members and OIML Corresponding Members)

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Use of accreditation in conformity assessment in legal metrology

TYPE APPROVAL OF MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

1 Does your national regulation require type approval for certain categories of measuring instruments?

- Yes No (*Go to question 2a*)

If “yes”, does your national regulation require the type approval body(ies) to be accredited?

- Yes No (*Go to question 2a*)

If “yes”, on the basis of which requirements is the accreditation delivered?

- ISO/IEC Guide 65 ISO/IEC 17020
 ISO/IEC 17025
 Other, please specify

INITIAL VERIFICATION

2a Does your national regulation require initial verification to be carried out on certain instruments before they are placed on the market or put into use?

- Yes No (*Go to question 2b*)

If “yes”, does your national regulation require the body(ies) responsible for initial verification to be accredited?

Note: The body to be considered here may be either a third-party body or a governmental agency.

- Yes No (*Go to question 2b*)

If “yes”, on the basis of which requirements is the accreditation delivered?

- ISO/IEC 17020 ISO/IEC 17025
 Other, please specify

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2b Does your national regulation allow the manufacturer of the instrument and/or the owner of the type approval certificate to be responsible for the initial verification?

Yes No (*Go to question 3*)

If “yes”, what are the requirements applicable to the manufacturer and/or the owner of the type approval certificate?

ISO 9001 Certification of personnel

Other, please specify

In this case, does your national regulation require the certification to be delivered by an accredited certification body?

Yes No

SUBSEQUENT VERIFICATIONS

3 Does your national regulation require subsequent verifications for certain categories of measuring instruments?

Yes No (*Go to question 4*)

If “yes”, does your national regulation require the body(ies) responsible for subsequent verifications to be accredited?

Note: The body to be considered here may be either a third-party body or a governmental agency.

Yes No (*Go to question 4*)

If “yes”, on the basis of which requirements is the accreditation delivered?

ISO/IEC 17020 ISO/IEC 17025

Other, please specify

VERIFICATION AFTER REPAIR

4 Does your national regulation require instruments to be verified after repair?

Yes No (*Go to question 5 if applicable*)

If “yes”, what requirements apply?

Initial verification requirements In service requirements

Other, please specify

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5 Please supply any additional information you believe may be helpful for this inquiry

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