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

Subject: Participation in the Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) for Automatic catchweighing instruments (OIML R 51)

Dear Colleagues,

In BIML Circular No. 09-372/RG dated 17 July 2009 the BIML launched the R 51 DoMC and requested candidacies for participation, the deadline for which was set at 30 November 2009.

Until now, the BIML has received only two candidacies for participation (one from an Issuing Participant and the other from a Utilizing Participant).

Consequently, the BIML suggests extending the initial deadline to **31 January 2010** to give sufficient time to potential participants to prepare their applications.

We would like 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;

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- 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.

Considering the fact that some Issuing Participants and/or their Testing Laboratories may need to request an extension of their accreditation scope from their National Accreditation Body, we know that there could be a delay in providing the BIML with the relevant accreditation assessment report(s). However, we invite potential Issuing Participants to send their candidacies even if the application file is not fully completed.

Candidacies for participation are also needed to set up the provisional Committee on Participation Review (CPR) which will be requested to examine all the application files and to validate the technical and metrological experts' candidacies. Those experts need to be validated as soon as possible in order that they could participate in the accreditation assessments in cooperation with National Accreditation Bodies (e.g. in case of extension of accreditation) and in the peer assessments which will be decided on by the CPR.

CIML Members and OIML Corresponding Members are also invited to designate the representative of their country in the R 51 CPR.

Finally, we would like to remind you that candidacies for technical and metrological experts may also be submitted by CIML Members of countries which do not intend to participate in the R 51 DoMC. Currently, the BIML has received only two candidacies of technical and metrological experts to be submitted for validation by the R 51 CPR (when set up). We count on your continued support to ensure that the number of candidacies increases, and to avoid any delay in launching the R 51 DoMC.

Additional 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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