



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

**Subject: Maintenance of the R 60 and R 76 Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMCs) and applications for new participants**

Dear Colleagues,

The R 60 and R 76 DoMCs were signed in September 2006. OIML B 10-1 *Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML Type Evaluations* and in particular its section 8 defines the rules for maintaining DoMCs.

These rules have been detailed and clarified in OIML MAA 01 *Operating rules of the Committee on Participation Review and of Declarations of Mutual Confidence* and in particular in its section 10.

The renewal should be completed by the end of September 2010 (four years after the signature or the last renewal). However, the Committee on Participation Review agreed to postpone the deadline for terminating the renewal to the end of September 2011 in view of the fact that it will take more than a year to complete the intermediate documentary assessment process.

The attached BIML Circular 10/493 has been sent to Participants in the R 60 and R 76 DoMCs to launch the renewal process and to request the current Participants to provide the BIML with the appropriate information to conduct it.

Since there will be a R 60/R 76 CPR consultation to review this documentation, we feel it is appropriate to take this opportunity to invite new potential participants to send their application to the BIML **at the latest by March 31, 2011** (which is also the deadline fixed for Participants to provide the relevant information for the renewal of the DoMCs), with a copy to their CIML Member or to the contact person for potential Participants of OIML Corresponding Members.

**Potential Issuing Participants** are requested to include the following documentation in support of their application:

- An official letter confirming participation in the MAA and the type of participation (Issuing Participant or Utilizing Participant for each category);
- A certificate of accreditation covering the scope of the DoMC, if applicable;
- Evidence, if applicable, that this accreditation has been delivered by a National Accreditation Body which is an ILAC-MRA signatory;
- Information about the type testing capabilities (Annex C of OIML B 10-1);
- A list of subcontracting testing laboratories indicating, for each, which tests it performs;
- The certificates of accreditation of the subcontracting testing laboratories, if applicable;

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- The most recent internal audit report of each subcontracting testing laboratory according to ISO/IEC 17025 using the Checklists (OIML B 10-2). In case the Testing Laboratory is accredited, the report may be issued under the format specified under their quality management system;
- The results of intercomparisons, if applicable;
- Information about additional tests and examinations required for national type approval, if applicable;
- A copy of the most recent OIML Test Report(s) issued for the considered category(ies).

**Potential Utilizing Participants** are also invited to specify additional tests and examinations required for national type approval, if any. For that purpose, they are requested to fill in the “Questionnaire for Utilizing Participants” which is available under the heading “Documentation – General” on the MAA pages of the OIML web site.

All the above information should be sent to Mr. Willem Kool, Assistant Director at the BIML, who will act as CPR Secretariat and who will make it available to CPR Members for the continuation of the process (consultation of CPR Members and CPR Report).

Finally, we are pleased to remind you that CIML Members or contact persons of OIML Corresponding Members of new potential participating countries are kindly invited to designate their CPR representative who will participate in the next electronic consultation of R 60/R 76 CPR Members. The deadline for designating potential additional CPR representatives is also **March 31, 2011**.

We would like to remind you that much information about the MAA process (e.g. information related to the implementation, 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: **www.oiml.org/maa**.

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

Yours faithfully,



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