

INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF THE OIML

The following information was provided by the OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) at the TBT Committee meeting of 10-11 November 2011.

1. The OIML works for international harmonisation in the field of legal metrology. The following recent developments are of interest to the TBT Committee:

I. NEW PRESIDENT

2. At its 46th meeting in October 2010, Peter Mason (NMO, UK) took over as President of the International Committee of Legal Metrology.

II. 46TH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LEGAL METROLOGY

3. This Meeting took place from 11-14 October 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic. As well as the change of CIML President mentioned above, a number of other important issues were covered which are of interest to the TBT Committee:

- (a) approval of a revision of the OIML Strategy publication – OIML B 15;
- (b) approval of a revision of the publications covering the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA) – OIML B 3 and B 10;
- (c) approval of a revision of the Directives for OIML technical work – OIML B 6;
- (d) initiation of a work project to allow the registration of manufacturer's test laboratories in the context of the OIML MAA. Currently the MAA requires test results to come from national metrology authorities;
- (e) creation of a Technical Committee on Conformity to Type, to be run jointly by New Zealand and the BIML. This Committee will work on the development of a guidance document on the "scope for pre-market surveillance activities focused on the conformity assessment of measuring instruments to give assurance that manufactured (or production) instruments meet their approved type";
- (f) decision to make all electronic versions of the OIML Bulletin available free of charge on the OIML website.

III. OIML MEMBERSHIP

4. The OIML is pleased to welcome several new Corresponding Members: Gambia, Georgia, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

5. For further information on any of these items, please consult the OIML web site or contact:

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