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**ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML)
RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE WTO TBT COMMITTEE**

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OIML

This document contains information provided by the OIML at the TBT Committee meeting of 20-21 June 2019 under Agenda Item 5 (Observers).

The OIML develops publications called International Recommendations, which are models for technical regulations on measuring instruments and measurements in the field of legal metrology. In this area, these are considered as "relevant international standards" in the context of the TBT Agreement.

1 THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE (INetQI)

1.1. The OIML is one of ten international organisations working in the fields of metrology, accreditation, standardisation, conformity assessment, and capacity building that have for many years collaborated on these matters as the DCMAS Network.

1.2. In November 2018, the group was joined by the WTO and the World Bank Group, and was renamed as the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI) in recognition of its wider remit and in order to focus on the importance of promoting Quality Infrastructure as a whole rather than promoting its individual elements. This also results from members' discussions in 2018 which resulted in the adoption of a common definition of the term "Quality Infrastructure" to harmonise and facilitate work on this subject, since many different interpretations were in used by different organisations.

1.3. For the period 2018-2020, the Network is chaired by ILAC, with ISO CASCO providing secretarial support.

1.4. We were very pleased to have the attendance of a WTO representative at the recent INetQI meeting in early June, and the WTO has already made an important contribution in the form of proposals for a QI and TBT technical assistance facility, as well as through events to be held as part of the 2019 Aid for Trade Global Review meeting to be held in Geneva in early July.

1.5. The Network looks forward to developing its role in raising the awareness of Quality Infrastructure in the future in association with its two newest members, and to working together to develop Quality Infrastructure in parts of the world where it is lacking.

1.6. For further information, please contact Ian Dunmill, BIML Assistant Director (ian.dunmill@oiml.org).
