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Dear Colleagues,

This second issue of the Information Letter follows in the wake of two important meetings held at the Bureau: that of the Working Group on the implementation of the MAA (27 February 2004) and that of the CIML Presidential Council (1-2 March 2004). During these meetings, the following decisions were taken.

The OIML Long-Term Action Plan will not be revised immediately, and the existing version will continue to be followed. In application of this Action Plan, the Bureau has drawn up a work program for 2004, the highlights of which are as follows:

- printing and distributing the approved Recommendations, Documents and other publications as soon as possible, priority being given to those Recommendations applicable under the Certificate System and the MAA,
- preparing the new Financial Regulations and their implementation for 2005,
- starting the implementation of the MAA (see below),
- starting the newly established permanent Working Group on Developing Countries, which will be chaired by Dr. Seiler (PTB, Germany) for the next two years,
- starting the revision of the *Directives for Technical Work* in the Working Group that is being set up for that purpose, and progressing in the acceleration of technical work and in the development of the OIML web site and its interactivity.

The draft budget for the next financial period (2005-2008) has been examined in line with the Decisions of the 38<sup>th</sup> CIML Meeting and will be sent to Member States shortly after the Accountant's Report for 2002 and 2003 is received.

One of the issues on which Member States and Corresponding Members are expecting information is certainly the MAA implementation. This implementation has been extensively discussed and the following proposals will be included in a document submitted for the approval of the 39<sup>th</sup> CIML Meeting in Berlin.

The implementation of the MAA will have consequences on the existing *OIML Certificate System*. When a Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) is signed for a given category, the following rules shall apply:

- The Issuing Authorities who participate in this DoMC will issue all their Certificates and Test Reports under the conditions of P1 (*OIML Certificate System*) plus the specific conditions of this Declaration of Mutual Confidence;
- Issuing Authorities that did not sign this DoMC will be allowed to continue issuing OIML Certificates in this category for a limited period (e.g. one year) after the signature of the DoMC (in order to be able to complete work in progress). After this period, they will either have to join the DoMC or to stop issuing OIML Certificates for this category; and
- OIML Certificates and Test Reports issued under the conditions of a DoMC will bear a specific OIML logo. The individual registration fee due by the manufacturer in application of the OIML Certificate System will be replaced by a contribution due to the Bureau by the participating Issuing Authority. These Certificates will be recorded by the Bureau on a specific database which will be published on the OIML web site. ▶▶

The participation of an Issuing Authority in a particular DoMC will give rise to a fee due to the BIML, comprising two complementary parts:

- a fixed annual amount of 1200 € for each participation in a DoMC;
- a proportional amount equal to 150 € per Certificate issued under the DoMCs in which the Issuing Authority participates, and therefore bearing the specific OIML logo above mentioned.

These fees will progressively balance the additional costs incurred by the Bureau for the implementation of the MAA.

An additional Staff Member will be recruited by the Bureau to undertake the new tasks resulting from the implementation of the MAA. This additional Staff Member should start work at the BIML on 1 January 2005, for a 4-year period. The possibility of maintaining this additional position in the Bureau or not after 2008 will be examined when drawing up the Budget for the next financial period (2009-2012). A job description will be sent to all CIML Members to be advertised in their country, and will be posted on the OIML web site. This Staff Member will be selected and appointed by the BIML Director after consultation with the CIML Acting President.

It has been decided that the implementation of the MAA will start with two categories: R 60 (*Load cells*) and R 76 (*Non-automatic weighing instruments*). These two categories will be addressed in parallel, as it may save costs for visits and assessments by experts, the experts for these categories generally being the same persons. Work on the implementation of the MAA for these two categories will start immediately, so that the two corresponding DoMCs can be expected early in 2005. Three events will be organized at the end of 2004:

- a workshop for all OIML Issuing Authorities to inform them of the provisions related to the implementation of the MAA that have been approved at the 39<sup>th</sup> CIML Meeting, and on the planned schedule;
- two one-day meetings for potential participants of the first two DoMCs mentioned here.

The Bureau will shortly invite all interested parties to take part in DoMCs on R 60 and R 76 to start preparing their application documents, so that these two one-day meetings can focus on more practical issues and then shortly followed by the constitution and the formal meeting of the Committees on Participation Review for these two Declarations of Mutual Confidence. ■