



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
BETWEEN
THE GLOBAL ACCREDITATION COOPERATION INCORPORATED Global ACI
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML)**

**The Chair of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Global ACI and
The President of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (OIML),**

have agreed to cooperate through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) considering that:

- measurement plays an essential role in developing confidence between trading partners and in demonstrating that goods comply with written specifications and legal requirements;
- accreditation and legal metrology are key elements of an essential infrastructure for national and international consistency of measurements;
- the use of competent product certification, quality management system certification, testing, calibration and inspection in legal metrology controls must be encouraged;
- the existence of a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between Global ACI members provides the cornerstone for the acceptance of results from accredited testing and calibration laboratories and inspection and certification organisations;
- the importance of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) Certification System (OIML-CS), and the Global ACI MRA to underpin a unified worldwide metrology system for consumer protection, industry, commerce and world-wide trade; and
- the complementary nature of OIML and Global ACI work and the benefits of working together for the development of an international, global metrology system.

1. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to:

1.1 maintain an active Global ACI-OIML liaison by:

- i) facilitating common approaches in the interpretation and implementation of ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17065 and other relevant standards and/or technical criteria, and
- ii) harmonising assessment procedures;

- 1.2 share interpretations of common issues of relevance to laboratories, inspection bodies and/or certification bodies by:
 - i) exchanging information,
 - ii) jointly developing publications and, where practicable, conducting joint work on the development of technical guides, standards, procedures and policies relevant to the affected laboratories, inspection bodies and/or certification bodies, and
 - iii) cooperating in the development of joint training courses for technical assessors and conformity assessment experts operating in the field of legal metrology;
- 1.3 establish lists of Legal Metrology Experts (LMEs) and Management System Experts (team leaders) trained by OIML and Global ACI MRA signatories;
- 1.4 request Global ACI MRA signatories to use LMEs from the above-mentioned lists whenever legal metrology activities are included in the scope of the accreditation;
- 1.5 request the OIML to use team leaders from the above-mentioned lists for leading OIML peer assessments;
- 1.6 request the OIML to recognise accreditations delivered under the conditions defined in para.1.4 of this MoU;
- 1.7 promote and develop the consistency and complementarity of the Global ACI MRA and the OIML-CS; and
- 1.8 promote the use of inter-laboratory comparisons and, in particular, proficiency testing.

2. Implementation

- 2.1 This MoU shall come into force upon its signature by the Global ACI Chair and the CIML President, and will remain in force until terminated in accordance with the provisions hereafter defined.
- 2.2 This MoU, in particular the areas of cooperation, will be reviewed at least every five years.
- 2.3 Relevant work programs to implement the MoU will be agreed upon by the Parties from time to time and reported on, as appropriate, within each organisation.
- 2.4 This MoU is not intended to create any legal relationship between the parties, rather a spirit of cooperation on matters related to legal metrology.
- 2.5 To facilitate the implementation and maintenance of this MoU, Liaison Officers will be appointed by each Party to represent their respective organisation's interests and to communicate information of relevance to the Areas of Cooperation and for the mutual benefit of this MoU.

3. Amendments

This MoU may be amended at any time by a written agreement between the parties.

4. Termination

This MoU may be terminated by either of the parties upon three months written notice.

Brahim Houla
Chair
**Global Accreditation Cooperation
Incorporated Global ACI**

Signed on: 14/04/2026

Bob Joseph Mathew
President
**International Committee of Legal
Metrology (for the OIML)**

Signed on: 14/04/2026