MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY and
the INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION for STANDARDIZATION
concerning
LIAISONS and COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOTH INSTITUTIONS

The scope of this MoU covers the relationship between the OIML and ISO in matters of relevant technical cooperation, conformity assessment, standards development and practices.

The International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO):

- CONSIDERING that the OIML is an Intergovernmental Institution which was established to harmonize legal metrology regulations and methods of control, to solve, at the international level, technical and administrative issues as they relate to legal metrology concerning the manufacture, the use and the control of measuring instruments and to facilitate the coordination of the efforts of the States in this field,
- CONSIDERING that ISO is an International Institution which was established to promote the development of standardization in the world with a view to facilitating international exchange of goods and services and to developing cooperation in the spheres of intellectual, scientific, technological and economic activity,
- CONSIDERING that the OIML and ISO are standardizing bodies as stipulated in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement of the World Trade Organization,
- CONSIDERING that the OIML develops systems for the acceptance and mutual recognition of conformity assessment in the field of legal metrology,
- RECOGNIZING that the OIML may wish to draw up guidance documents based on relevant ISO and ISO/IEC Standards and Guides\(^1\) for conformity assessment procedures to ensure consistency among the assessments by its Members of conformity assessment bodies,
- RECOGNIZING that, except when duly justified, in particular to take into account sectorial aspects, such guidance documents should not set principles or add requirements to those that are already stipulated in the ISO and ISO/IEC Standards or Guides,
- CONSIDERING that both Institutions share certain related technical duties and activities of which harmonization will be desirable,
- DESIRING to coordinate their efforts to attain their joint objectives and to this end, to define the terms and conditions of their liaisons and collaboration,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

\(^1\) A non-exhaustive list of relevant ISO and ISO/IEC Standards and Guides is given in Annex A of this MoU.
Article I
The OIML and ISO shall maintain mutual liaisons and collaboration through the International Bureau of Legal Metrology and the Central Secretariat of the International Organization for Standardization as well as through the Secretariats of OIML Technical Committees and Subcommittees and ISO Technical Committees and Subcommittees.

Article II
The OIML and ISO shall consult each other on any technical issues of joint interest and shall provide each other with any information or documentation concerning matters of mutual interest, in particular in relation to legal metrology.

Article III
In accordance with ISO’s policy on Liaison (ISO/IEC Directives Part 1, clause 1.17), the OIML can make an effective contribution, via participation, to the metrology-related work of ISO Technical Committees or Subcommittees (category A-liaison) or working groups (category D-liaison). Annex B of this MoU lists the corresponding ISO and OIML committees currently in liaison.

The Liaison Officer from the OIML will have the responsibility for reviewing the ISO Committee’s programme of work and for reporting back to the OIML on the relevant projects.

At the working levels, the nomination/approval of experts shall be cleared by the respective Committee Secretariats, prior to the experts being registered in the ISO database.

At the governance level, representation will be cleared by the signatories of this MoU.

In accordance with ISO’s policy on options for development of a project, as a Liaison with ISO Committees, the OIML may submit OIML Recommendations for consideration to be processed under the ISO Fast-Track procedure.

Furthermore, ISO and the OIML may both agree to jointly develop common publications. Such development shall be in accordance with the procedures of the respective Organizations. ISO and the OIML shall also coordinate the maintenance of such publications.

Article IV
OIML Recommendations that have been processed under the ISO Fast-Track procedure, or publications developed jointly, shall be published as ISO Standards under ISO’s normal sales, copyright and exploitation conditions. Appropriate indication of the OIML Recommendation as the source of the document with its equivalent OIML designation (in the case of an ISO Fast-Track) or a description of the cooperation with the OIML (in the case of joint development), shall be included in the ISO Standard.

In the case of jointly developed publication, OIML shall publish the content of the respective ISO Standard as an OIML publication according to the rules set out in OIML B 11, and with an indication of its equivalence to the ISO Standard.

Article V
ISO TCs/SCs may participate as liaison in OIML Technical Committees and Subcommittees whose work is of interest to ISO. ISO TCs/SCs may provide a table of comments on the documents submitted for vote to the Members of the responsible Technical Committee or Subcommittee.

OIML TCs/SCs may participate as liaison in the Working Group of ISO Technical Committees and Subcommittees whose work is of interest to OIML. OIML TCs/SCs may provide a table of comments on the documents submitted for vote to the Members of the responsible Technical Committee or Subcommittee.
Article VI
When they are at a sufficient stage of development to be submitted to the CIML for vote, the OIML shall transmit to ISO for comments its draft International Recommendations, following which ISO may provide a table of consolidated comments.

Article VII
When they are at a sufficient stage of development to be submitted to all ISO Member Committees, ISO shall transmit its draft International Standards (addressed by the ISO Technical Committees listed in Annex B) to the OIML for comments, following which the OIML may provide a table of consolidated comments.

Article VIII
ISO and the OIML, in their attempt to avoid duplication of efforts by their respective Committees, agree to the normative referencing of their publications, Standards and Recommendations respectively, as appropriate in publications of the other Organization in compliance with each Organization’s policies and directives relative to normative referencing (ISO/IEC Directives Part 2, clause 6.2.2.; OIML Directives for the Technical Work, Part 2, clause 6.4.4.)

If necessary, and at OIML’s request, a portion of the technical content of an ISO Standard may be reproduced in an OIML Recommendation on the express condition that formal permission is granted by ISO and on condition that due credit is given to ISO.

Article IX
Both Organizations’ work shall take the utmost account of existing or ongoing work in the other Organization.

Article X
The OIML and ISO may work together to prepare, release and jointly publicize matters of common interest and with other bodies as appropriate.

External communications in the name of all parties shall be mutually agreed by all parties prior to their joint publication.

Article XI
Within the limits of their competence, the President of the CIML and the Secretary-General of ISO may, for the implementation of this MoU and within the scope it has defined, provide for additional agreements on new terms and conditions of collaboration between both Organizations, in particular to take into account the experience gained in specific situations.

Article XII
To facilitate the implementation and maintenance of this MoU, each Organization shall nominate a Liaison Officer.

Article XIII
This MoU cancels and supersedes the 1966 Agreement.
Article XIV
This MoU may be amended subject to approval by both Institutions.
Each party may terminate this MoU by giving the other party at least one year’s notice.
This MoU does not make any legal or otherwise enforceable commitments on behalf of any of the parties.

Article XV
This MoU shall be signed by the duly authorized representatives of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (President) and the International Organization for Standardization (Secretary-General). This MoU shall become effective upon signature thereof.

Signed on 2008.12.29 in ____________________________

This Agreement is signed in English (in duplicate).