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To: - Manufacturers of measuring instruments (or their representatives) that were granted
OIML Certificates of conformity
- Copy to OIML Member States and Corresponding Members

**Subject: OIML Certificate System for Measuring Instruments and Mutual Acceptance
Arrangement - Questionnaire to manufacturers/applicants**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The OIML Certificate System was established with a view to facilitating the activity of national legal metrology services in OIML Members and promoting measuring instruments that comply with OIML requirements. As a consequence, the OIML Certificate System offers manufacturers quicker and less costly ways to obtain type approvals by avoiding unnecessary repetition of type evaluations.

The first OIML Certificate was delivered in 1992 and, since then, the System has been steadily developing. At present more than 1200 Certificates have been issued and registered to more than 320 manufacturers (or applicants) for 13 categories of instruments. There has been a growing demand from manufacturers for certification within other categories of instruments and the OIML has accelerated its work programs to respond to this interest, and now there are 40 categories of measuring instruments applicable within the System.

The International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) requested the BIML to conduct an inquiry among manufacturers of measuring instruments with a view to obtaining their opinion regarding the implementation and utilization of the OIML Certificate System and the imminent implementation of the OIML MAA.

Please find enclosed a questionnaire together with summary information pertaining to this subject.

You are kindly requested to send your responses to the BIML by mail or fax

before 2004.07.31.

We would also appreciate any comments you may have to supplement your responses to the questionnaire.

Results of the inquiry will be available on the OIML web site for all parties concerned and will help the OIML in developing and improving its certification activities and introducing and implementing the MAA.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and valuable contribution.

Yours faithfully,

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Enc.: - Questionnaire
- Summary information