



OIML/APMLF Training Course on Prepackaged Goods

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Introduction

As the number of prepackaged goods traded in the international marketplace continues to increase, so too does the importance of implementing a standardized method for determining the net contents of prepackaged products. The Average Quantity System (AQS) is an internationally agreed method of determining the quantity of prepacked goods with a 'constant nominal content'. It provides confirmation of the quantity of goods sold by measure (weight, volume, length or area) or count (number of items). It is essential that economies and regulators be well informed of how to implement AQS to enable them to determine compliance of prepackaged goods imported to and exported from their respective economies. Compliant goods improve consumer confidence and provide a level playing field for businesses to operate. They also are critical to an effective marketplace and trade facilitation.

Course objective

The training course is primarily focused on the practical application of AQS through the presentation of the OIML's international Recommendations in this field in both classroom style learning and through practical exercises. It will cover OIML International Recommendations R 79 *Labelling requirements for prepackages* and R 87 *Quantity of product in prepackages* in addition to providing valuable insights into 'best practice' in this area of legal metrology, including guidance on system requirements for a certification system for prepackages. The training will include conducting a reference test, issues to be considered when conducting a reference test, good regulatory practice, practical exercises and an onsite demonstration.

This training course provides participants with the skills and knowledge to:

- understand and apply the requirements of OIML R 87 and R 79;
- inspect prepackaged goods using internationally accepted Average Quality System methodology;
- determine if their economy's current inspection systems meet OIML requirements; and
- develop an action plan to implement OIML requirements.

The aim of this training course is to help improve and harmonize metrology capability in the Asia-Pacific region and facilitate trade development through the removal of technical barriers and the application of consistent regulatory practice.

Organizers

1. International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
2. Asia-Pacific Legal Metrology Forum (APLMF)
3. OIML Pilot Training Center (OPTC)
4. Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) – MEDEA project

Supporting organizations

1. Host, accommodation and catering support - Department of Metrology, The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), Beijing, P.R. China
2. Trainers - Trading Standards, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, New Zealand

Trainers

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3. **Dr. Hans-Peter Vaterlaus**, formerly Federal Institute of Metrology, METAS, Switzerland

Registration

Complete the “Nomination Form” and send it to the PTB –

Anne.Hoepfner@ptb.de by **28 February 2018.**

Visa assistance

If you need a visa to enter China, please complete the bottom portion of the ‘Registration Form’ marked ‘Visa information’ and send it with your ‘Nomination Form’ to

Anne.Hoepfner@ptb.de by 28 February 2018. This information will be forwarded to the host and upon receipt you will be sent an official letter of invitation to enable you to make your visa application.

Venue and accommodation

The venue and accommodation will be at:

Nanning Hotel,
38, Minsheng Road, Nanning, Guangxi 530012, PR China
Tel: +86 (0) 771 2103399 / 2103575
Fax: +86 (0) 771 2103105
<http://www.nnhotel.cn>
Email: sales@nnhotel.cn

The Nanning Hotel is located in the heart of Guangxi's first business district (Chaoyang district), surrounded by department stores, Minsheng Xingning Pedestrian Street, New Chaoyang Commercial Plaza and other large commercial ports. It is situated opposite Wanda Plaza, Wal-Mart, Parkson Department Store, International Film City, the International Cyberport and the Hyatt Mall of Commerce.

The cost of accommodation for overseas participants will be paid for by AQSIQ, China. All costs in Nanning (e.g. accommodation, food, local transportation, etc.) will also be covered by AQSIQ, China.

Register for accommodation

To register for accommodation please complete the 'Registration Form' and send it with your 'Nomination Form' to: Anne.Hoepfner@ptb.de by **28 February 2018**. This information will be forwarded to the host and accommodation will be booked by AQSIQ.

Transfers

The Nanning Hotel is 30 km from the airport (approximately 45 minutes by car). An airport bus service is scheduled to stop at the Nanning Hotel (to be confirmed). The Venue is 11 km away from the East Railway Station (approximately 30 minutes by car). Take Metro Line 1, get off at the Chaoyang Square Station, and exit C (about 50 meters ahead).

Funding support

CASE A: Participants from Asia (MEDEA Support for flights and travel):

Up to two overseas participants from each developing economy in Asia will receive an economy return flight ticket, free airport transfer and a daily allowance (in addition to free accommodation as above). Participants from economies classified as developing countries under the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate (ODCD-DAC)¹ are eligible.

Flight tickets will be booked by the PTB on acceptance of your nomination form (please contact [Anne Höpfner](mailto:Anne.Hoepfner@ptb.de)).

¹ see <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm>. Eligible economies in Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

CASE B: Participants from countries other than Asia (Self-funding for flights and travel):

Participants from countries other than those identified above (outside of Asia) will self-fund their return travel to China. Other costs in China will be paid by AQSIQ.

Please also send your registration form to Anne.Hoepfner@ptb.de by **28 February 2018**.

Climate

The average temperature in Nanning, PR China is between 20 °C and 27 °C in April.

Currency and credit cards

The local currency is the Chinese YUAN and the JIAO. Banknote denominations are 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, and 1 YUAN and 5 JIAO (0.5 YUAN) and 1 JIAO (0.1 YUAN).

Major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, etc.) are accepted in hotels and major department stores.

The exchange rate for 1 USD is about 6.5 YUAN.

Electricity supply

The mains power supply voltage in China is 220–240 volts AC, 50/60 Hz. Power plugs are of the 3-pin type. 2-pin power plugs are also used in some places.



Local time

Local time is UTC/GMT +8 hours.

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