



52nd CIML Meeting - Working Document

**Additional Meeting Document**

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**Agenda item 15.1.1: Approval of Final Draft Recommendations and Documents**

**New Document: Surveillance of utility meters in service  
on the basis of sampling inspections**



Section 15.1.1 of the 52nd CIML meeting Working Document states:

*“New Document: Surveillance of utility meters in service on the basis of sampling inspections (this was submitted to the CIML for Preliminary online ballot on 21 April 2017 with a deadline of 21 July 2017). CIML Members may download the current files from the “CIML Member online voting” page of the OIML website. Depending upon the result of the ballot, it is possible that this Draft Document will be submitted for approval at the 52nd CIML Meeting. Information will be provided on this in an Additional Meeting Document once the ballot has closed.”*

The result of the Preliminary online ballot (POB) was 32 “Yes” votes, 4 “No” votes and 2 abstentions so, in accordance with section of 6.5.4 a) of OIML B 6-1:2013, the majority of votes cast by CIML Members were in favor.

However, section 6.5.4 b) of OIML B 6-1:2013 also requires there to be “... no proposals or objections requiring substantial amendments of the text.” Consequently, the result of the POB is considered to be “Passed (with substantial comments)”.

The BIML has consulted the Convener of project TC 3/SC4/p 1 on the POB result and the comments that were received. Considering the broad majority of CIML Members that were in favor, the Convener has stated that they see no chance to further improve the existing Draft Document. In addition, the Convener feels that the preliminary clause (“This Document is primarily intended for use in countries that do not have existing regulations concerning sampling procedures. Existing national regulations have to be observed. This Document does not describe sampling procedures for measuring instruments aiming at the compliance of the maximum permissible errors during the extension of the period of the validity of the verification at any time.”) which some of the comments address and object to, is key to them.

Taking into account the long history of the development of this Document, and also the fundamental differences between member countries’ approaches as regards sampling procedures that became evident, the Convener has therefore come to the conclusion that no greater consensus can be achieved.

In accordance with section 6.5.8 of OIML B 6-1:2013, and after consultation with the CIML President, the following proposal to the CIML is made:

- The Draft Document *Surveillance of utility meters in service on the basis of sampling inspections* be put forward as a Final Draft Document (FDD) for approval at the 52nd CIML meeting.
- In the event that the FDD does not pass the CIML vote, it is proposed that the Document will instead be published as an OIML Guide (G). The CIML will be given the opportunity to vote again, although normally it is the CIML President who approves a G publication.
- Depending on the outcome of the vote(s) it can be discussed at the CIML meeting as to whether the existing PG be disbanded or be charged with the task of reconsidering the comments.

The FDD, including the result of the POB and the comments received, can be downloaded from the Cartagena website at: <http://cartagena.oiml.org/ciml.html#drafts>