Coordinating e-Learning activities among the RLMOs and with OIML

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Background in worldwide:

- **Online technology** will significantly change conventional face-to-face training and remove the barriers among the countries/RLMOs.
- OIML set up an **e-Learning Platform** for mutual utilization.

Background in APLMF:

- Though other RLMOs request utilizing e-Learning materials, we accept **only our members** in principle. As the training program is provided using membership fees, its utilization is considered an **appropriate benefit** for members.
- APLMF provides the following **materials for the member economies**.
  - A) Guide document (free)
  - B) Text, slides, and economy reports used for training (**only for members**)
  - C) e-Learning module on NAWIs on the PTB’s platform (**only for members**)
  - D) e-Learning module on fuel dispensers on the NMIA’s (Australia) platform (**only for members**)
Summary of RLMO RTs in 2023 regarding e-Learning

January 2023:

✓ APLMF proposed **three options** for sharing e-Learning materials/modules:

A) OIML provides a royalty for provider RLMOs, and all materials are shared on the OIML Platform freely.

B) Separate the materials into categories. Full materials are shared on the provider’s website only for its members. Other RLMOs may utilize limited categories of materials on the OIML Platform.

C) Materials are shared only for the provider RLMO’s members. The provider collects utilization fees from other RLMOs.

✓ APLMF requested a policy paper for sharing e-Learning materials/modules.

✓ APLMF proposed that participation in a training course from other RLMOs should be considered separately.
May 2023:

✓ APLMF reported an updated situation with comments:

A) Real situation is complex as two modules on NAWI and fuel, which have been drafted by APLMF, are provided separately on the platforms of PTB* and NMIA*.

B) The materials are closely related to the membership. We are afraid some members may withdraw if the materials are shared freely.

C) The situation will be different in each RLMO and each e-Learning material/module. It is difficult to draft a common policy paper.

✓ BIML reported the discussion on e-Learning at the Presidential Council in March. BIML also pointed out that RLMO-RT is not a committee to supervise RLMOs.

* It was a tentative arrangement in 2021 until the OIML Platform would be ready, and until APLMF/PTB/NMIA would agree to share the materials on that platform.
An ultimate objective for OIML will be an **unlimited sharing** of all e-Learning materials. Although there will not be a single solution, I propose:

A) OIML or CIML **encourages** the RLMOs, Member States, and Corresponding Members to share e-learning materials/modules for the OIML Platform.

B) However, the provision of the materials must be **voluntary**. In addition, a provider (RLMO, Member State, or Corresponding Member) may **select** the materials/modules to be shared on the OIML Platform.

C) The provider is encouraged to provide the materials **free of charge**. However, a royalty or utilization fee may be considered, if necessary.

Participation in a training course (physical or online) from other RLMOs should be considered by the provider RLMO.