02 March 2016

**Dear Project Group for the Revision of OIML R71 “*Fixed Storage Tanks*”:**

(there are the 78 recipients in the “To” line of this email)

Please take the time to read this full/lengthy email.

(*Please note:  I will also be sending an almost identical email to the “sister-project” R85 Project Group.*)

**R71 PG Contact List**

This is an attempt to send an email using a distribution list that was obtained directly from the OIML website.  All of the R71 Project Group participating member states (15), observer member states (20), liaison organizations (1), and the currently designated main contacts/other contacts for each can be viewed on the following page on the OIML website:

<https://www.oiml.org/en/technical-work/projectedit_view?idsc=12&sclabel=Static%20volume%20and%20mass%20measurement&idtc=8&scnum=1&tcnum=8&tclabel=Measurement%20of%20quantities%20of%20fluids&idproject=414&projectnum=9&projectlabel=Revision%20of%20R71%20-%20Fixed%20storage%20tanks.%20General%20requirements>

(It will probably be much easier to look at the information on the website (click on “contact list”) than trying to pick names and emails out of the “To” list on this email.)

As you are reading this email, please take a few minutes to **ensure that the PG status and contact information for your member state is correct**.   If you are the designated main contact from your member state, please work with your CIML member/assignee to make any needed changes for your participation on the R71 PG.  CIML members/assignees can be found using the following web page:

<https://www.oiml.org/en/structure/members/memberslist_view?varMember=1>

Please note:

1. The work on this project group will require access to the fairly recently developed “PG Workspaces.”  If you don’t already know how to use this, I can cover instructions in a future email.  (Or you can ask the BIML to assist you with a login and creating a password.)
2. The BIML has informed me that a couple Member States were recently “down-graded” from P-members to O-members on this PG because they had not provided information that was requested on a BIML inquiry.  So … please ensure that your status on the PG is what you want it to be.

**1CD Package of OIML R71 is Attached to this Email**

Please find attached the First Committee Draft (1CD) package of OIML R71 which includes the following 3 documents:

* OIML R71, 1CD (mark-up version, 02 March 2016) showing all proposed changes to R71:2008;
* OIML R71, 1CD (clean version, 02 March 2016); and
* the OIML R71 Comment Submission Form on the 1CD.

Please note that I have also posted these three documents on the PG workspaces (see note a) above).

**Comment Submission on the 1CD Package of R71**

Using the attached comment submission form, project group “main contacts” may submit comments on the 1CD package either using the comment feature on the PG workspaces and/or attached to an email back to me.  Doing both would be great!.

**Closing date for comment submission on the 1CD of R71:  02 June 2016**

Because the TC8/SC1 subcommittee has already scheduled a meeting (for 14-16 June 2016 in Sweden, see below), I am going to “request” that comments on the 1CD be returned to me after 2.5 months instead of the normal 3 months.  This way, I can quickly compile all of the comments that I have received at that point and ensure that planned TC8/SC1 meeting participants have a few weeks to review these comments before the meeting.

**Preferable/requested date for comment submission on the 1CD of R71:  16 May 2016**

Even though I have “requested” comments be submitted a little early, please know that all comments received before the closing date deadline (02 June 2016) will receive the full consideration of the project group.

**OIML TC8/SC1 Subcommittee Meeting**

As decided by the subcommittee at their last meeting in Maulburg, Germany in December 2015 and as posted on the OIML website “events page” since January … the following meeting has been scheduled:

OIML TC8/SC1 Subcommittee Meeting

Projects:  Revisions of R71, R80, and R85

Göteborg, Sweden

14-16 June 2016

(additional details should soon be available)

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I hope this email finds all of my friends and colleagues healthy and happy, and I look forward to working with everyone on this R71 project (and the R85 project) in 2016.

Best regards,

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