



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

between

**The INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC) and the IEC
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS**

and

The INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY

concerning

LIAISONS and COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS

The scope of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) covers the relationship between the OIML and IEC in matters of relevant technical cooperation, conformity assessment, standards development and practices.

The **International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)** and the **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)** and its **Conformity Assessment Systems (IECEE, IECEX and IECQ)**:

- **CONSIDERING** that the OIML is an Intergovernmental Organization which was established to harmonize legal metrology regulations and methods of control, to solve, at the international level, technical and administrative issues as they relate to legal metrology concerning the manufacture, the use and the control of measuring instruments and to facilitate the coordination of the efforts of its Member States in this field,
- **CONSIDERING** that the IEC is an International Standardization Organization which was established to promote the development of standardization and conformity assessment in the Electrotechnical Sector with a view to facilitating international exchange of goods and services and to developing cooperation in the spheres of intellectual, scientific, technological and economic activity,
- **CONSIDERING** that the OIML and the IEC are international standards-setting bodies as stipulated in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement of the World Trade Organization,
- **CONSIDERING** that both Organizations are involved in certain related technical activities which it would be desirable to harmonize,
- **CONSIDERING** that the IEC provides global conformity assessment services in the electrotechnical field, and that the OIML develops systems for the acceptance and mutual recognition of conformity assessment in the field of legal metrology,
- **DESIRING** to coordinate their efforts to attain their joint objectives and to this end, to define the terms and conditions of their liaisons and collaboration,



HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Preliminary provisions

Article I

The OIML and the IEC shall maintain mutual liaisons and collaboration through:

- the International Bureau of Legal Metrology and the Central Secretariat of the International Electrotechnical Commission,
- the Secretariats of OIML Technical Committees and Subcommittees and IEC Technical Committees and Subcommittees, and
- the relevant conformity assessment systems of both Organizations.

Article II

The OIML and the IEC shall consult each other on any technical issues of joint interest and shall provide each other with any information or documentation concerning matters of mutual interest, particularly concerning legal metrology related to standardization and conformity assessment.

Liaisons

Article III

In accordance with the IEC's policy on liaison given in the ISO/IEC Directives, the OIML can make an effective contribution by participating in the metrology-related work of IEC Technical Committees or Subcommittees (category A-liaison).

In accordance with the IEC's policy on options for development of a project, as a Liaison with IEC Committees, the OIML may submit OIML Recommendations or Documents for consideration to be processed according to the ISO/IEC Directives.

Article IV

In accordance with the OIML *Policy paper on liaisons between the OIML and other bodies* and the OIML Directives, the IEC can make an effective contribution by participating in the technical work of the OIML.

Article V

The IEC and the OIML may agree to jointly develop publications. Such development shall be in accordance with the procedures of the respective Organizations. The IEC and the OIML shall also coordinate the maintenance of such publications.



Publications

Article VI

An OIML Recommendation or Document that has been processed under IEC procedures, including the Fast-Track procedure, may be published by the IEC as an IEC Standard or Guide under the IEC's normal sales, copyright and exploitation conditions. Such an IEC Standard or Guide shall include appropriate indication of the equivalent OIML Recommendation or Document as its source.

Article VII

An IEC Standard or Guide that has been processed under OIML procedures may be published by the OIML as a Recommendation or Document under the OIML's normal translation, copyright and distribution conditions. Such an OIML Recommendation or Document shall include appropriate indication of the equivalent IEC Standard or Guide as its source.

Article VIII

In the case of jointly developed publications, both Organizations shall apply their own rules and procedures. Appropriate indication of the joint development shall be included in the publications.

Conformity assessment systems

Article IX

IEC Conformity Assessment Systems may participate as liaisons in relevant OIML Technical Committees and Subcommittees.

Relevant OIML TCs/SCs may participate as liaisons in the work of IEC Conformity Assessment Systems whose work is of interest to them

Article X

The IEC and the OIML, in their attempt to avoid duplication of effort in their technical work, agree to the normative referencing of each other's publications as far as possible.

A portion of the technical content of one of the Organizations' publications may be reproduced in the other's publications on condition that formal permission has been granted and due credit is given.

Article XI

Both Organizations shall take the utmost account of existing publications of, and ongoing work in the other Organization.



Article XII

The OIML and the IEC may work together to prepare, release and jointly publicize external communications on matters of common interest.

External communications in the name of both Organizations shall be mutually agreed prior to their publication.

Implementation

Article XIII

The effectiveness of this MoU shall be monitored during the period of its implementation.

Article XIV

To facilitate the implementation and maintenance of this MoU, Liaison Officers shall be appointed by each Organization.

Liaison Officers shall be responsible for drawing up a joint work programme and ensuring its acceptance for implementation by their respective Organization.

The joint work programme shall be reviewed at least once a year.

Final provisions

Article XV

This MoU cancels and supersedes the prior MoU between the IEC and the OIML established in 1968.

Article XVI

This MoU does not make any legal or otherwise enforceable commitments on behalf of any of the parties.

Article XVII

Initially, this MoU is established for a period of three years from the date of signature.

This MoU may be amended and/or renewed with the approval of both Organizations.

Each party may terminate this MoU by giving the other party at least six months' written notice.

Article XVIII

This MoU shall be signed by the duly authorized representatives of the International Organization of Legal Metrology and the International Electrotechnical Commission and shall become effective from the date of signature.



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Signed on 2011-10-13 in Prague
This Agreement is signed in English (in duplicate).

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