



## **49th CIML Meeting**

### **Agenda item 7.2 – Report by the BIML on liaison activities**

#### **MoU between ILAC, the IAF and the OIML**

*23 October 2014*

BIML note:

The Memorandum of Understanding between ILAC, the IAF and the OIML, signed in 2010, has been reviewed by the three organizations. No substantial changes have been proposed, other than to extend the review period from three to five years. Other changes are editorial.

The new MoU, signed on 16th October 2014 at the occasion of the IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly in Vancouver, is reproduced on the following pages.



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION (ILAC),  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM (IAF)  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML)**

**The Chair of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC),  
The Chair of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and  
The President of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (OIML),**

have agreed to cooperate through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) considering that:

- measurement plays an essential role in developing confidence between trading partners and in demonstrating that goods and services comply with written specifications and legal requirements;
- accreditation and legal metrology are key elements of an essential infrastructure for national and international consistency of measurements;
- the use of competent product certification, quality management system certification, testing, calibration and inspection in legal metrology controls must be encouraged;
- the existence of a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between ILAC members has already led to the acceptance of laboratory and inspection results delivered by an accredited body from another country by a number of national regulatory bodies
- the existence of a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) between IAF members has already led to the acceptance of certifications delivered by an accredited certification body from another country;
- the importance of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA), the ILAC MRA and the IAF MLA to underpin a unified worldwide metrology system for consumer protection, industry, commerce and world-wide trade; and
- the complementary nature of OIML, ILAC and IAF work and the benefits of working together for the development of an international, global metrology system.

## **1. Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties agree to:

- 1.1 maintain an active ILAC-IAF-OIML liaison by:

- i) facilitating common approaches in the interpretation and implementation of ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC 17065, ISO/IEC 17021 and other relevant standards and/or technical criteria, and
  - ii) harmonizing assessment procedures;
- 1.2 share interpretations of common issues of relevance to laboratories, inspection bodies and/or certification bodies by:
  - i) exchanging information,
  - ii) jointly developing publications and, where practicable, conducting joint work on the development of technical guides, standards, procedures and policies relevant to the affected laboratories, inspection bodies and/or certification bodies, and
  - iii) cooperating in the development of joint training courses for technical assessors and conformity assessment experts operating in the field of legal metrology;
- 1.3 establish lists of technical and metrological experts and technical assessors trained by OIML and ILAC MRA signatories and IAF MLA signatories;
- 1.4 request ILAC MRA signatories and IAF MLA signatories to use technical and metrological experts and technical assessors from the above-mentioned lists whenever legal metrology activities are included in the scope of the accreditation;
- 1.5 request IAF Members to promote, to the certification bodies, the use of technical and metrological experts validated by the OIML when legal metrology enters into the scope of the certification;
- 1.6 request the OIML to use technical assessors from ILAC MRA signatories, that are trained by the OIML for OIML peer assessments;
- 1.7 request the OIML to recognize accreditations delivered under the conditions defined in this MoU;
- 1.8 promote and develop the consistency and complementarity of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement, the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement and the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement;
- 1.9 promote and develop inter-laboratory comparisons and, in particular, proficiency testing; and
- 1.10 invite representatives of each Organization to participate as liaisons in agreed meetings of the other Organizations.

## **2. Implementation**

- 2.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force upon its signature by the ILAC Chair, the IAF Chair and the OIML President, and will remain in force until terminated in accordance with the provisions hereafter defined.
- 2.2 This Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed every five years.

- 2.3 Relevant work programs to implement the Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed upon by the Parties from time to time.
- 2.4 The appropriate ILAC bodies, IAF bodies and the International Bureau of Legal Metrology (BIML) will be responsible for implementing such work programs and for reporting on them at the ILAC General Assembly, at the IAF General Assembly and at the CIML Meeting as relevant.

### 3. Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding, which supersedes the one signed between ILAC, IAF and OIML on 28 October 2010, may be amended at any time by a written agreement between the parties.

### 4. Termination

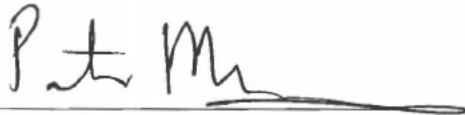
This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon three months written notice.



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Signed on: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014