

International Organization of Legal Metrology



OIML Membership

Two membership categories exist: that of Member State and Corresponding Member. Since the OIML has an intergovernmental status, accession is restricted to the administrations of countries or economies.

Member State

A Member State is a country or economy that is willing to participate actively in OIML work and in the financing thereof. Accession as a Member State first requires ratification of the Convention (the international treaty establishing the OIML) by the Government of the country or economy concerned. Such ratification is transmitted through diplomatic channels to the French Government (trustee of the OIML Convention) which then registers the accession and informs both other OIML Member States and the BIML once these formalities have been completed. The detailed procedure of accession is available from the BIML, and the OIML Convention can be downloaded from the OIML web site. The BIML has also published a *Guide for CIML Members* which can also be downloaded from the web site.

Contributions

For the year 2005, the base minimum annual Member State contribution is 12 620 Euros, as voted by the 2004 International Conference. Member State contributions are set according to each individual country's population and economic situation and are equal to one, two, four or eight times this base minimum contribution. Any new Member State must pay:

- An entry fee equal to one year's contribution (however, OIML Corresponding Members that subsequently become Member States are not required to pay this entry fee); and
- The contribution (total or partial payment in line with the date of accession) for the current year.

Member States' obligations

- To attend or be represented at the annual meetings of the International Committee of Legal Metrology;
- To attend the meetings of the International Conference of Legal Metrology (every four years);
- To implement the Conference and CIML's decisions to the greatest extent possible;
- To generally promote legal metrology in their country or economy; and
- To pay annual contributions.

Member States' rights

- Voting rights for all decisions which govern the OIML (Conference, Committee, Technical Committees and Subcommittees, etc.);
- Participation in all technical activities and undertaking of some of this work on a voluntary basis;
- Participation in certification and mutual recognition activities;
- Access via the OIML web site to OIML Publications and to the quarterly OIML Bulletin (Publications are also published on CD and the Bulletin is also published on paper);
- Access to the password-protected *Members pages*; and
- For developing countries: specific assistance as proposed by the competent bodies within the Organization (such as the *Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries*) on a case by case basis.

Corresponding Member

A Corresponding Member is a country or economy that does not wish to - or cannot - be a Member State but which nevertheless wishes to be kept informed of OIML activities. Accession as a Corresponding Member is made through a letter signed by the Minister or the General Director responsible for the National Legal Metrology Service requesting the accession, and committing the future Corresponding Member to pay the annual lump-sum subscription fixed by the International Conference of Legal Metrology. This letter must be accompanied by the payment of the entry fee (2 040 Euros) and of the subscription for the current year (1 020 Euros in 2005).

Corresponding Members' rights

Corresponding Members are under the obligation to pay the above-mentioned annual lump-sum subscription; this gives them the following rights:

- Participation as observers (without voting rights) in the meetings of the Conference and Committee, as well as in the work of OIML Technical Committees and Subcommittees; and
- Access via the OIML web site to OIML Publications and to the quarterly OIML Bulletin (the Bulletin is also published on paper); and
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