Agenda items 9.4

Recommendations from the OIML-CS MC to the CIML (Marking of instruments)

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• Detail is provided in 1.11.2 of Addendum 9.1
• Initial proposal from the US regarding the marking of instruments with:
  – OIML certificate number, and/or
  – OIML or OIML-CS logo
• OIML-CS Management Committee (MC) decided against marking with an OIML(-CS) logo as it could be confused with a conformity mark
• Two options explored for marking of certificate number
• Options:
  – amend PD-06, 4.4 to allow manufacturers to put the OIML certificate number on an instrument
  – remove language regarding the OIML certificate number from all OIML publications; called the “remain silent” proposal
• certificate number cannot be mistaken for a conformity mark
• still some possibility for confusion
• no legal mechanism within the OIML to prevent a manufacturer marking an instrument with the OIML certificate number
• MC proposes that manufacturers should be allowed to mark the OIML certificate number on instruments
• “remain silent” proposal is preferred way of achieving this
• to improve understanding of the OIML certificate number, and to avoid any potential confusion, the MC proposes the development of a Guidance Note on the meaning and use of the OIML certificate number – see Annex H of Addendum 9.1
• If approved, the OIML-CS MC shall:
  – review the OIML-CS publications to identify those that include a reference to the marking of the OIML certificate number on measuring instruments
  – instigate a revision of the relevant OIML-CS publication(s)
  – develop a Guidance Note
• BIML to review all other OIML publications to identify those that include a reference to the marking of the OIML certificate number on measuring instruments → TC/SC Secretariats
Thank you

Questions

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