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APLMF Train-the-Trainer Courses – Pattern Approval and Verification of Fuel Dispensers and LPG Dispensers

1. At the 7th Forum meeting in Taipei in October, it was proposed that the above train the trainer courses be conducted in China in 2001. The APLMF wishes to announce that following discussions with members of the China State Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision in December 2000, during their visit to Sydney, the following details on the training courses have been finalised:

Dates: 14 – 23 May 2001
(4 days for the Fuel Dispensers course, followed by one day break, then 4 days for the LPG dispensers course)

Venue: CATIC PLAZA HOTEL, BEIJING
No 18, Beichen East Road,
Chaoyang District, Beijing, PR China

Where to stay: CATIC PLAZA HOTEL, BEIJING
Accommodation rates:
US\$ 48.00 per day including breakfast and city tax
Lunch and dinner US\$ 20.00 per person

1.1 Background and course information

- 1.1.1 Fuel for motor vehicles, including LPG, are very important items of trade in all economies for economic and commercial reasons. Accurate measurement is important because the product is a scarce resource, subject to taxation and fraud and is a significant cost in the production and transport of other products.
- 1.1.2 Mutual recognition arrangements and international confidence in the measurement of fuel for motor vehicles, including LPG, are important aspects of trade liberalisation. The ability to continually verify the accuracy of the measuring equipment is a critical aspect in all economies, irrespective of where the pattern approval and manufacture occurs.

- 1.1.3 The main objective of this course is to train highly competent national authority technicians and trade measurement inspectors so they have a similar understanding and skills that are aligned with the appropriate OIML recommendations for the pattern approval and verification of fuel dispensers for motor vehicles.
- 1.1.4 This will assist in the harmonisation of these aspects of legal metrology systems throughout the APEC region and thus contribute to the development of mutual recognition agreements between APEC economies.
- 1.1.5 This train-the-trainer course will provide participants with all the resources needed to organise and run their own training courses for trade measurement inspectors in the verification and inservice inspection of fuel dispensers and LPG dispensers.

1.2 Benefits of the training course

- 1.2.1 Regionally consistent training that is aligned with international best practice and standards will assist in the harmonisation of legal metrology between countries, which will lead to bilateral and multilateral mutual recognition agreements.
- 1.2.2 Accurate and consistent measurement will be an important element in the prevention and control of fraud.
- 1.2.3 Timely provision of competent staff with the understanding and skills to ensure that LPG is measured and sold accurately as its use increases by government and commercial reasons throughout member economies.

1.3 Participants

The course is open to all members of APLMF, however priority will be given to those who are directly involved in the pattern approval and verification of instruments, particularly of petroleum and LPG equipment. The total number of participants is expected to be twenty (20). CSBQTS has indicated that ten (10) participants from CSBQTS will be nominated to the course and the remaining ten places will be open to other members of the APLMF on a first come, first served basis.

1.4 Funding

The APLMF is able to provide some funding for return economy airfare and/or accommodation for the participation of ONE participant each from a number of developing economies, depending on the number of applications. Please apply in the attached application/registration form (see 1.6).

1.5 Training materials

The APLMF will provide all training course materials for the course. Each participant will receive the full training module, which includes the trainers' manual, the procedure manual, training video and a students' workbook.

1.6 Registration for the course and application for funding

If you would like to attend the course, please fill in the attached registration/application form and return to the Secretariat by fax or e-mail, by **15 February 2001**.

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REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FORM APLMF Train-the-Trainer Courses – Pattern Approval and Verification of Fuel Dispensers and LPG Dispensers

Please indicate your interest in attending the above training course in Beijing from 14 – 23 May 2001 and return this form to the APLMF Secretariat by **15 February 2001**:

To:

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1. Name of participant:
- Economy:
- Organisation/Address:.....
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- Tel: Fax:
- E-mail:

2. Qualification/Experience of participant:
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3. Involved in the pattern approval and verification of fuel and LPG dispensers
YES..... NO.....

4. We would like to apply for funding: YES NO

5. Signature and Name of APLMF member:

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Date: