



# ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL METROLOGY FORUM

## CIRCULAR 34

February 2001

### *Information from the Secretariat*

#### 1. 8<sup>th</sup> APLMF AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS – NEW ZEALAND

- 1.1 The tentative dates for the 8<sup>th</sup> Forum meeting to be held in Auckland, New Zealand, are 13–15 November 2001 and organisation for the meeting has commenced with John Barker, from Trade Measurement, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, New Zealand.

#### 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FEE STRUCTURE

- 2.1 In Circular 32 dated November 2000, information on the new fee structure was provided. The survey on the response of members has been completed and the information included in this Circular. Seventeen member economies supported the new fee structure and one economy did not support as there was financial restrictions. We are happy to report that Indonesia has paid the 2001 membership fees.

#### 2.2 Fee Amount and Method of Payment

The fees are divided into five categories based on stage of development and population of the economy, with each progressive category doubling the previous category, raising US\$64,900 as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total US \$</u>
<b>Category 1 – Fees US\$550 /economy</b> Laos, Cambodia	1,100
<b>Category 2 – Fees US\$1,100 /economy</b> Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia Mexico, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, DPR Korea	13,200

<b>Category 3 – Fees US\$2,200 /economy</b>	
Hong Kong China, New Zealand, Singapore	6,600
<b>Category 4 – Fees US\$4,400 /economy</b>	
Australia, Canada, PR China, Republic of Korea, Russia, Chinese Taipei	26,400
<b>Category 5 – Fees US\$8,800 /economy</b>	
USA, Japan	17,600
<b>Total fees:</b>	<b>US\$ 64,900</b>

2.3 Member economies may commence their payment as soon as possible as the Secretariat is accepting payments although fees will be implemented from 1 April 2001.

**2.4 Method of payment of APLMF membership fees:**

Please adopt the following procedures to remit funds (in equivalent Australian Dollars) to the National Standards Commission.

**Method A.**

The membership fee can be paid by telegraphic transfer (TT) directly into the National Standards Commission account, as follows:

**National Standards Commission**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
199 Cox's Road  
North Ryde 2113, Australia

Account Number: BSB (062281) 0085 0077

**Method B.**

By bank draft payable to:

**National Standards Commission,**

PO Box 282 North Ryde, NSW 1670, Australia

**Important Note:**

- \* Please note that the account name is the National Standards Commission NOT APLMF.
- \* Please advise us when the transaction is made so that it can be recorded.

**3. APEC SCSC MEETINGS, PR CHINA 2001**

3.1 The first of three APEC Standards & Conformance Sub Committee (APEC SCSC) meetings will be held in Beijing on 17-18 February 2001.

3.2 APLMF will be submitting two project proposals to the APEC TILF program for funding for a training workshop on High Capacity Oil and Gas Flow Measurement and the continuation of APLMF Rice Moisture Project. An amount of \$US45,000 is proposed for the training workshop to be presented in late 2002.

4. **APLMF RICE MOISTURE MEASUREMENT PROJECT NO CTI 09/2001T**

4.1 The APEC SCSC has approved funding of USD\$41,500 for this project. Preliminary testing and evaluation of rice moisture meters had been carried out by the PTB, Germany, last year. The study tour is scheduled to take place in September. Australia has handed over the Chair of this working group to Japan.

5. **TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE ON VERIFICATION OF FUEL DISPENSERS AND LPG DISPENSERS**

5.1 The above APLMF training course, which is jointly organised by Australia (NSC) and PR China (China State Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision), will be conducted on 14-23 May in Beijing. Funding for the development of this training course was provided by AusAID and the APLMF will provide some funding to assist the participation of a number of developing economies to attend.

5.2 The maximum number of participants that can be accommodated in the course is twenty. PR China will send ten participants and the rest of the ten vacancies will be open to member economies on a first come first served basis. A total of fourteen participants from the following APLMF member economies (and a non-APEC country, Jamaica) have applied to attend the course – Cambodia, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

5.3 Please be informed that the course will only cover aspects of verification of fuel dispensers and LPG dispensers and not as stated in Circular 34, which stated pattern approval and verification of fuel dispensers and LPG dispensers.

6. **ASEAN AND ACCSQ**

6.1 A meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and Australia and New Zealand Closer Economic Cooperation (CER) will be held in Thailand on 14 March. The meeting will discuss progress of the ACCSQ-CER program and the ASEAN AADCP program.

**7. PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASEAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL METROLOGY (ACCLM)**

- 7.1 If you recall, one of the recommendations of the Second Regional Seminar on Legal Metrology for ASEAN and APLMF Economies held in association with the 7<sup>th</sup> APLMF meeting in Taipei in October 2000 recommended the establishment of an ASEAN Consultative Committee on Legal Metrology (ACCLM). We would urge that ASEAN members of APLMF attending the ACCSQ meeting on 14 March in Thailand bring the matter up with the respective authorities to support the above proposal.

**8. ASEAN AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AADCP)**

- 8.1 The AusAID program on Economic Integration in ASEAN is currently being finalised. The program funding is over five years and includes a standards and conformity assessment project including a legal metrology component covering workshops on Harmonisation of Legislative and Administrative Systems and seminars and study tours for senior officials on legal metrology. It is expected that the program will commence in 2002.

**9. RESIGNATION OF MRS KERRY MARSTON FROM THE NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

- 9.1 It is with regret that the Secretariat wishes to inform members that Mrs Kerry Marston has resigned from the National Standards Commission to join her husband who will be managing an AusAID project in Xincheng, Guangxi Province, in the south of China. Mrs Marston was the APLMF regional training coordinator who has developed and conducted a number of training courses for the region. We wish her well in her new venture.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICER**

- 10.1 Mrs Marian Haire has been appointed Training Officer to replace Mrs Marston. Marian has a teaching background and worked at the Commission for the past five years. She worked with Kerry on the development of the training package for OIML R 76 Pattern Approval of Non-automatic weighing instruments. Marian may be contacted at <MHaire@nsc.gov.au>

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