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Information from the Secretariat

1. 8th APLMF & Working Group meetings – Auckland, New Zealand

- 1.1** The 8th Forum meeting will be held in the Hyatt Regency hotel, Auckland, New Zealand from 13–15 November 2001 and organization with Trade Measurement, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, New Zealand is on track. We have been informed that the NZ Deputy Prime Minister will officiate at the opening ceremony and Keith Manch, General Manager Ministry of Consumer Affairs will chair the Forum meeting. New Zealand has nominated as keynote topic “Consumer involvement in APLMF” and will provide a speaker, Lesley Harwood, advisor on consumer representation. As is the practice, industry and consumer representatives will be invited to attend.
- 1.2** The host economy has also informed us that discussions are continuing on holding a South-West Pacific meeting in association with the Forum meeting. We will inform you once arrangements have been finalised.
- 1.3** **Agenda topics** – If any member wishes to have particular topics to be included in the agenda, please forward them to the secretariat.
- 1.4** **Hotel reservation** – In the last Circular, delegates were sent a reservation form for Hyatt hotel (Attachment 1) with room accommodation rates as well as a list of alternative accommodation (Attachment 2) within walking distance of the Hyatt hotel. We wish to remind you that the reservation form must be returned to the Hyatt hotel, by 5 October 2001.
- 1.5** **Registration for attendance** – A preliminary registration form has been enclosed with this Circular and I would appreciate it if you will return the form to the secretariat by 28 September 2001. (Attachment 3).

2. Transfer of APLMF Secretariat to Japan on 1 January 2002

2.1 The APLMF secretariat will be transferred to Japan on 1 January 2002. The transfer arrangements have commenced and a Japanese delegation comprising members from the National Metrology Institute of Japan, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, visited the Commission on 26 June this year to discuss arrangements for the transfer. John Birch, President APLMF and Loon Khoo, Secretary, made presentations and briefed the visitors on the programs and work of the APLMF.

2.2 The Japanese delegation comprised the following:

Dr Akira OOIWA, Director, Mechanical Metrology Division, National Metrology Institute of Japan (APLMF President designate);

Kazua NEDA, Chief, Legal Weighing Metrology Section, Mechanical Metrology Division (APLMF Secretariat designate);

Miss Ayako TANIGUCHI, International Affairs Department, International Metrology Cooperation Office (APLMF Secretariat designate).

2.3 It is expected that the Japanese secretariat will visit Australia again in November, prior to the 8th Forum meeting.

3. APLMF Membership Fees

The following economies have contributed membership fees and the total amount collected is US\$25,300.

Category 2: Indonesia, DPR Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand

Category 3: Hong Kong China, New Zealand, Singapore

Category 4: Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei

Category	Fee paid US\$	No. of economies	Total US\$
1	550	0	0
2	1,100	5	5,500
3	2,200	3	6,600
4	4,400	3	13,200
5	8,800	0	0
Total	-	11	25,300

It can be seen from the list that there is a substantial number of members who have not contributed payment. As the secretariat has informed members earlier, funding from the Australian government for the APLMF secretariat has ceased and the membership fees collected are necessary to fund the operation of the secretariat. Therefore we wish to remind those members who have not contributed to do so as soon as possible.

**4. 36th CIML Meeting, Development Council Meeting, Moscow, Russian Federation
24-27 September 2001**

The 36th meeting of the CIML, Development Council and Regional Legal Metrology Organisations will be held from 24-27 September in Moscow, Russian Federation. It is expected that John Birch will represent the APLMF at these meetings.

5. OIML representative from developing economies

The President, OIML Development Council, Mrs G.E.M. Annabi, has requested Regional Legal Metrology Organisations (eg APLMF) “to designate a corresponding person (from developing economies) to assist the President of the OIML Development Council in the reflexions and actions of the Council”. Please inform the secretariat if you wish to be the corresponding person, before the end of August so that this information can be conveyed to Mrs Annabi.

6. APEC SCSC Meetings in PR China

6.1 The next APEC Standards & Conformance Sub Committee (APEC SCSC) meeting will be held in Dalian, PR China on 18-19 August 2001. Unfortunately due to lack of travel funds, the President of APLMF will not be able to attend. A report of APLMF activities has been submitted to the APEC Secretariat and the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRB) Shepherd, Malaysia.

6.2 APLMF submitted two project proposals to the APEC TILF program for funding for a training workshop on High Capacity Gas Flow Measurement (US\$66,300) to be presented in late 2002 by Dr Terry Edwards and David Pack and the continuation of APLMF Rice Moisture Project (US\$117,100). These two projects were considered at the July BMC (Budget Management Committee) meeting and we have been advised that due to insufficient funding, the Gas Flow project has not been funded however, we understand that some funding will be provided to the rice moisture project.

7. APLMF Rice Moisture Measurement Project No CTI 09/2001T

7.1 Plans are underway to organise the study tour to Japan on September 30 – October 6 2001 by the working group. The participants from developing economies nominated are from PR China (2 persons), Indonesia (1), Republic of Korea (2), Malaysia (1), Thailand (1) and SR Vietnam(1). They will include in the study tour, visits to a food agency, a rice moisture meter manufacturer, a country elevator and a rice wholesaler. (APEC SCSC has approved funding of USD\$41,500 for this project).

8. Train-the-trainer course on Verification of Fuel Dispensers and LPG Dispensers

8.1 The train the trainer course on Verification of Fuel Dispensers and LPG Dispensers was held from 14 to 23 May 2001 in Beijing, PR China. The host organization was the China State Bureau of Quality and Technical Supervision (CSBTS).

- 8.2 The course was attended by seventeen participants from the following nine APLMF member economies namely PR China (9), Hong Kong China (2), Indonesia (1), Malaysia (1), Papua New Guinea (1), Singapore (1), Thailand (1) and Vietnam (1).
- 8.3 Funding (airfare, accommodation and allowance) was provided by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, Australia for the attendance of one participant each from the following APEC developing economies, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Vietnam.
- 8.4 The two lecturers were provided by Australia with Tad Buca, Head of Volume Measurement from the Commission and Darryl Hines, Senior Trade Measurement Officer from the Queensland Trade Measurement Office. Marian Haire, Training Officer and Loon Khoo, APLMF secretary also attended. Han Jianping and Li Jinsi from the China State Bureau of Technical Supervision (CSBTS) provided the technical and organizational support for the training course.
- 8.5 The training course covered topics on the national measurement system, safety procedures, verification/certification of fuel dispensers, field tests and technical visits. The training manuals for the course were developed by Australia and it is expected that these manuals will be finalised by October for circulation to interested members.

9. Survey on participation and hosting of APLMF training courses

- 9.1 The following five economies provided responses to the survey on participation and hosting for training courses: Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. All the above economies indicated that they wish to participate in the courses listed.

The following economies offered to host the following training courses:

- Indonesia
Verification and Reverification of non-automatic weighing instruments to OIML R 76;
Verification of Petroleum and LPG dispensers.
- New Zealand
Prepared to consider hosting a training course after June 2002.
- Vietnam
Verification of Petroleum and LPG dispensers.

- 8.2 The secretariat would like to thank those economies who responded to the survey and those who offered to host training courses. Please contact the secretariat with your proposals on the dates and/or location for the training courses.

9. Intercomparison testing and calibration of master meters and mass standards

9.1 If you recall, the above two projects have been on the program list of the APLMF for some time. Regarding the master meters intercomparison, a recent survey conducted in June amongst those members who had earlier indicated their participation showed that some members no longer wished to participate. This being the case, the project will be postponed for the time being.

9.2 Mass standards – Please find enclosed the procedures, list of participating members and time frame for the intercomparison on mass (Attachment 4). If you have any comments/amendments, please contact the secretariat. We have been informed by Canada and Singapore that they may be interested in participating in this intercomparison and they have been included in the list of participating members.

10. Intercomparison testing and calibration of load cells

10.1 The report of the above intercomparison is still in its draft stages as the Secretariat is still waiting for some reports from participating members. We would appreciate it if members who have not submitted their reports do so as soon as possible.

11. Survey on prepacked goods

11.1 At the last Forum meeting, John Barker (New Zealand), proposed the establishment of ad hoc groups to facilitate the operation of the working groups, which could then report to the Forum meeting (refer clause 8.9 page 17 of Report of 7th meeting). He has proposed that a survey be conducted amongst members to investigate the issue of prepacked goods and progress work in this area. The survey form is attached and we would like members to return it to the secretariat by 1 October 2001. (Attachment 5).

12. Other surveys

12.1 Survey action by member economies on compliance of production instruments with type

A questionnaire on this is given in Attachment 6. I would appreciate it if members will return the survey forms to the secretariat by 15 September 2001.

12.2 Survey on establishment of Working Group on Application of Weighing Bulk Commodity shipping to replace draft survey

At the last Forum meeting in Bali, Mr Hari Prawoko, Inspector of the Inspectorate of Metrology, Indonesia made a presentation on “Measuring Bulk Materials in trade by Draft Survey, Problem and Implementation” and identified that problems were associated with draft surveys for trade in shipping of commodities.

Draft surveys are used extensively for determining the quantity of commodity shipped in international trade and accuracy is far less that that obtained by the weighing of flow measuring methods.

It was decided that it was appropriate to establish a working group to consider this issue particularly as it is of great importance to regional and international trade in commodities.

I would appreciate it if members interested in participating in this group provide their details to the secretariat by 15 September 2001.

13. Measurement Canada's Market Intervention Model

- 13.1 A copy of the above article is provided for your information (Attachment 7). This is located at: <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/lm01563e.html>

The Measurement Canada web site is at: <http://www.ic.gc.ca>

14. Visit of APLMF President to Papua New Guinea

- 14.1 Mr Birch will be making a private visit to Papua New Guinea in early September and will be giving a talk on APLMF at NISIT (National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology) in Port Moresby and Lae as well as having discussions on the development of legal metrology in Papua New Guinea.

15. Indian Ocean Legal Metrology Forum (IOLMF)

- 15.1 Mr Birch has been invited by SADCMEEL [Southern African Development Community (SADC) Cooperation in Legal Metrology] to give a two-day workshop in Pretoria in November 2001 to SADCMEEL and IOLMF members on Modernisation of Legal Metrology Legislative and Administrative Systems. SADCMEEL has applied to AusAID to fund Mr Birch's travel costs and it is expected that it will be approved. An application to the AusAID International Seminar Support Scheme (ISSS) to fund the attendance of SADCMEEL members and a number of IOLMF members, has also been submitted.

16. ASEAN Australia Development Program (AADCP)

- 16.1 A meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and Australia and New Zealand (CER) was held in Thailand on 14th March. The meeting decided to establish an ASEAN Sub-Committee on Legal Metrology, which will be the contact point for the AADCP.

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