

**REPORT OF THE APLMF  
WORKING GROUP ON GOODS PACKED BY MEASURE  
HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT NUSA DUA, BALI, INDONESIA**

The Working Group met in Nusa Dua on 7 September 1999 and was chaired by Mr John Barker (New Zealand) and delegates from the following economies attended:

Australia, Canada, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

The Working Group recommended that:

- APLMF support the need for harmonisation of international standards in relation to Goods Packed by measure, including:
  - (a) standard sizes;
  - (b) permitted deficiencies due to dehydration; and
  - (c) drained weights.
- An APLMF input into the development of harmonised international standards on Goods Packed by Measure is necessary to ensure the Asia–Pacific Region's views and requirements are fully considered by those developing such international standards.
- The survey on prepacked goods requirements in other regions be continued.
- APLMF continue to discuss with OIML the need for priority to be given to extending the OIML recommendation on net contents to include metrological control of packing facilities involving quality systems, accreditation of test facilities, statistical sampling of output and certification by the legal metrology authority.
- APLMF continue to discuss with OIML the consideration of developing an international system of marking of labelled measurement to facilitate international trade in prepacked goods (an extension of the European E mark system).
- The secretariat survey member economies to provide the contact details of the organisation/s within the member economy who have responsibility for administration of their economies legal provisions in relation to Goods Packed by Measure.
- Consideration be given to establishing a small "ad hoc" working group to develop proposals or requirements for Goods Packed by Measure, for discussion and decision by APLMF.