

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Announcement of a Public Meeting on U.S. Technical Participation in the 13th Quadrennial Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a public meeting to discuss U.S. technical participation in the 13th Quadrennial Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML). This pre-conference public meeting is open to all interested parties.

The principal focus of the public meeting will be the 26 OIML Recommendations on legal measuring instruments that will be presented for ratification by the Conference. These Recommendations and OIML-member nations' technical comments on them will be reviewed with interested parties who will be given an opportunity to present their views on the Recommendations and other relevant issues related to the Conference.

Participants with an expressed interest in particular topics may obtain copies of the OIML Conference technical agenda, including copies of the Recommendations to be ratified, from the OIML International Conference Web site at <http://www.oiml.org/events/sydney>, at the OIML Web site at <http://www.oiml.org>, or from the NIST International Legal Metrology Group.

Interested parties wishing to schedule an oral presentation at the pre-conference meeting should provide a written summary of comments to the NIST International Legal Metrology Group no later than 2 October 2008. Written comments from parties unable to attend the pre-conference public meeting are also welcome.

DATES: Pre-conference meeting at the National Institute of Standards and Technology: Thursday, 9 October 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Thirteenth OIML International Conference of Legal Metrology in Sydney, Australia, 29–31 October 2008.

ADDRESSES: Pre-conference meeting: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room D, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; International

Conference: Star City Hotel, Sydney, Australia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Richter, International Legal Metrology Group, Weights and Measures Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2600; telephone: 301–975–3997; fax: 301–926–8091; e-mail: ralph.richter@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) is an intergovernmental treaty organization in which the United States and 58 other nations are members. Its principal purpose is to harmonize national laws and regulations pertaining to testing and verifying the performance of legal measuring instruments used for equity in commerce, for public and worker health and safety, and for monitoring and protecting the environment. The harmonized results promote the international trade of measuring instruments and products affected by measurement.

Twenty-six Recommendations will be presented for ratification by the Conference in the following two categories; Category 1: those already approved by the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CML) between 2004 and 2007 and Category 2: those that are expected to be submitted directly to the Conference for ratification. These Recommendations and the OIML-member nations holding the responsible secretariat for their development are listed below:

Category 1

R21 “Taximeters. Metrological and technical requirements, test procedures and test report format.” (revision) (United Kingdom);

R35–1 “Material measures of length for general use. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements.” (revision) (United Kingdom);

R39 “Rockwell hardness machines.” (revision) (United States);

R49–1 and R49–2 “Water meters intended for the metering of cold potable water and hot water. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements and Part 2: Test methods.” (revision) (United Kingdom);

R51–1 “Automatic catchweighing instruments. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements—Tests.” (revision) (United Kingdom);

R65 “Force measuring system of uniaxial material testing machines.” (revision) (United States);

R76–1 “Non-automatic weighing instruments. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements—Tests.” (revision) (France and Germany);

R82 “Gas chromatographic systems for measuring the pollution from pesticides and other toxic substances.” (revision) (United States);

R83 “Gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer systems for the analysis of organic pollutants in water.” (revision) (United States);

R99 “Amendment: Instruments for measuring vehicle exhaust emissions (joint publication ISO3930/OIML R 99).” (revision) (Netherlands);

R107–1 “Discontinuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (totalizing hopper weighers). Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements—Tests.” (revision) (United Kingdom);

R116 “Inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometers for the measurement of metal pollutants in water.” (revision) (United States);

R117–1 “Dynamic measuring systems for liquids other than water. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements.” (revision) (United States and Germany);

R134–1 “Automatic instruments for weighing road vehicles in motion and axle-load measuring. Part 1: Metrological and technical requirements—Tests.” (new document) (United Kingdom);

R137–1 “Gas Meters. Part 1: Requirements.” (new document) (Netherlands);

R138 “Vessels for commercial transactions.” (new document) (Switzerland);

R139 “Compressed gaseous fuel measuring systems for vehicles.” (new document) (Netherlands);

R140 “Measuring systems for gaseous fuel.” (new document) (Netherlands);

B–3/Amend “OIML Certificate System for Measuring Instruments—Amendment.” (new document) (OIML);

B10–1/Amend “Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML Type Evaluations (MAA)—Amendment.” (new document) (OIML).

Category 2

R56 “Standard solutions reproducing the conductivity of electrolytes” (revision) (Russian Federation);

R71 “Fixed storage tanks. General requirements” (revision) (Austria and Germany);

R85 “Automatic level gauges for measuring the level of liquid in fixed storage tanks.” (revision) (Austria and Germany);

Procedure for calibration and verification of the main characteristics of thermographic instruments (new document) (Russian Federation); Automatic refractometers: Methods and means of verification (new document) (Russian Federation).

Dated: August 22, 2008.

James M. Turner,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; International Dolphin Conservation Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Susan Wang, (562) 980-4199 or susan.wang@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information to implement the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (Act). The Act allows entry of yellowfin tuna into the United States (U.S.), under specific conditions, from nations in the International Dolphin Conservation Program that would otherwise be under embargo. The Act also allows U.S. fishing vessels to participate in the yellowfin tuna fishery

in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) on terms equivalent with the vessels of other nations. NOAA collects information to allow tracking and verification of “dolphin safe” and “non-dolphin safe” tuna products from catch through the U.S. market.

The regulations implementing the Act are at 50 CFR parts 216 and 300. The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 50 CFR parts 216 and 300 form the basis for this collection of information. This collection includes permit applications, notifications, tuna tracking forms, reports, and certifications that provide information on vessel characteristics and operations in the ETP, the origin of tuna and tuna products, and certain other information necessary to implement the Act.

II. Method of Collection

Paper applications, other paper records, electronic and facsimile reports, and telephone calls are required from participants. Methods of submittal include transmission of paper forms via regular mail and facsimile as well as electronic submission via e-mail or an ETP site (password protected).

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0387.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; and Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 101.

Estimated Time per Response: 35 minutes for a vessel permit application; 10 minutes for an operator permit application; 30 minutes for a request for a waiver to transit the ETP without a permit (and subsequent radio reporting); 10 minutes for a notification of vessel departure; 10 minutes for a change in permit operator; 10 minutes for notification of a net modification; 10 hours for an experimental fishing operation waiver; 15 minutes for a request for a Dolphin Mortality Limit; 35 minutes for written notification to request active status for a small tuna purse seine vessel; 5 minutes for written notification to request inactive status for a small tuna purse seine vessel; 5 minutes for written notification of the intent to transfer a tuna purse seine vessel to foreign registry and flag; 10 minutes for notification of vessel arrival; 60 minutes for a tuna tracking form; 10 minutes for a monthly tuna storage removal report; 60 minutes for a monthly tuna receiving report; and 30 minutes for a special report documenting the origin of tuna (if requested by the NOAA Administrator).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 328.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$950.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 28, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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