

CONVENTION ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (IOLM)

The States Parties to the present Convention, wishing to resolve internationally the technical and administrative problems raised by the use of measuring instruments and aware of the importance of co-ordinating their efforts in order to achieve this end, have agreed to create an International Organization of Legal Metrology defined as follows:

CHAPTER I

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

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An International Organization of Legal Metrology is hereby established.

The purpose of this Organization is to:

1. Set up a center for documentation and information:
On the one hand, on the different national services concerned with the inspection and checking of measuring instruments subject or liable to be subject to legal regulation,
On the other hand, on the aforementioned measuring instruments considered from the standpoint of their conception, construction and use;
2. Translate and edit the texts of legal requirements for measuring instruments and their use in force in the different States, with all the interpretations stemming from the constitutional and administrative law of those States which are necessary for the complete understanding of such requirements;
3. Determine the general principles of legal metrology;
4. Study, with a view to the unification of methods and regulations, the problems of legal metrology, of a legislative and regulatory character, the solution of which is of international interest;
5. Establish model draft laws and regulations for measuring instruments and their use;
6. Draw up an organisational plan for a model service for the inspection and checking of measuring instruments;
7. Determine the necessary and adequate characteristics and standards to which measuring instruments must conform in order for them to be approved by Member States and for their use to be recommended internationally;
8. Promote closer relations between the Weights and Measures services or other services responsible for legal metrology in each of the Member States of the Organization.