

Dear Colleagues,

The OIML secretariat is reviewing its work on contact thermometry. The subcommittee has responsibility for R133 “Liquid in Glass Thermometers” and a very old project on standardized thermocouples. It has asked for our recommendations on these projects and for any suggestions for future projects by the subcommittee:

1. R133 was approved in 2002, by the directives it should have been subject of an inquiry by 2007. R133 is compatible with the OIML Certificate System. Many countries are outlawing mercury in thermometers but some countries still permit its use in measuring instruments. Due to the current mercury situation the Secretariat recommends that R133 be reconfirmed for another 5 years and the situation be reassessed at that time. The basic measuring capability of liquid in glass thermometers hasn't changed significantly from 2002.

Should this recommendation be Reconfirmed/Revised/or Withdrawn? If revision is recommended it is helpful if comments are included suggesting main changes.

2. The p2 project on standardized thermocouples is from prior 2000. However there has been a lack of interest in developing this project; but if countries wish to continue this project the secretariat would welcome volunteers to act as convenor for the working group developing this project.

Continue Project/Withdraw Project?

3. Suggestions for future projects by the subcommittee?

The National Measurement Office would welcome your comments to help formulate the UK's view.

Please return your comments to me by the **17th of August, 2009**.

Please feel free to forward this email or let me know if you want to be removed from this circulation.

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