



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Workshop: Training course on the metrological control of prepackaged products**

**June 5-7, 2018 - Havana, Cuba**

#### **Introduction**

Since international trade in prepackaged products has increased worldwide, it is important to implement a standardized method to establish the net content of prepackaged products. The Average Quantity System (AQS) is an internationally accepted method for determining the measurement of prepackaged goods intended to have a “constant nominal content” and providing confirmation of the quantity of goods sold by measure (weight, volume, length or area) or count (number of items). It is essential for both the economies and the regulators to be well informed on how to use the AQS to check whether all prepackaged products imported to or from their respective countries fulfill the relevant requirements in order to improve the customer’s confidence, ensure their use by the enterprises on equal terms, and contribute to market effectiveness and easier trading practices.

#### **Scope**

The Workshop is designed to provide theoretical and practical training on the control of prepackaged products on the basis of OIML Recommendations R87:2016 and R79:2015, as well as valuable information about the “best practices” in this field of Legal Metrology, including a guide to define the requirements of a prepackage certification system.

#### **General objective**

Help the attendants identify the main clauses of the above Recommendations, learn to use related working tools, and gain practical skills regarding the control of prepackaged goods.

The Workshop is also intended to boost the improvement and harmonization of metrological capacities at regional level and to facilitate the development of trade by eliminating technical barriers and implementing good harmonized practices.

#### **Organizers**

1. International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
2. Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)
3. Oficina Nacional de Normalización (NC)

#### **Trainers**

1. Prof. Dr.-Eng. Olaf Kühn, Director of Thuringian State Bureau of Metrology and Verification for Consumer Protection.
2. Mr. Johann Fischer, Director of the State Office of Measurement and Verification, Berlin-Brandenburg.
3. Klaus Helmboldt, Expert Consultant.

## Registration

Complete the attached “Nomination Form” in English and send it before May 15, 2018 to:

- Mrs. Carolin Gross: [carolin.gross@ptb.de](mailto:carolin.gross@ptb.de), with copy to:
- Sra. Maritza Casamayor Feria: [nc@ncnorma.cu](mailto:nc@ncnorma.cu)

## Venue and accommodation

### Hotel NH Capri La Habana

Address: Calle 2, esquina N, Vedado.  
La Habana 10400, CUBA



Located in the heart of downtown Havana, the **NH Capri La Habana** features a rooftop swimming pool where you can enjoy panoramic views of the city, meeting rooms, a large gym with sauna and a Turkish bath. Its air-conditioned rooms offer flat-screen satellite TV, a safety deposit box, sitting room, minibar, a coffee machine, shower bath, hairdryer and free toiletries. Wi-Fi is available for a fee. Guests can enjoy two restaurants and two bars. Other facilities include a massage parlor, barbershop, laundry service and medical assistance. Car rental is also available.

Vedado is a great choice for travelers interested in alternative culture, jazz music and go out for a stroll.

**NH Capri La Habana** is a 25-minute drive away from José Martí International Airport (the price of transfer in/out ranges from 20, 00 to 25, 00 CUC).

## Currency

The **Convertible Peso (CUC)** is one of Cuba’s two official currencies, together with the Cuban peso. The exchange rate is 1, 00 CUC = 1, 08 USD. Since March 14, 2011, the 10% tax on USD cash exchange is charged for every CUC.

For other currency exchange rates, please check:

<http://www.bc.gob.cu/English/home.asp>

## Climate

In June, the average temperature in the Republic of Cuba is 23 °C to 31 °C.

## Electricity

The Cuban national grid works on 110 V, 60 Hz. Power plugs are of the kind with two flat pins.



## Lodging and airport-hotel-airport transfer

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## Supporting fund

The PTB is willing to defray the plane ticket and accommodation costs for one participant from each country upon reception of its nomination form, which must be submitted before May 15, 2018 to the abovementioned e-mail addresses.

## Visa arrangements

If you need a visa to travel to Cuba, please contact Mrs. Maritza Casamayor Feria ([nc@ncnorma.cu](mailto:nc@ncnorma.cu)) before May 15, 2018 and you will receive an official letter of invitation and apply for a Cuban visa.

## Additional information

Participants are advised to bring a notebook using WINDOWS 8.1 / Microsoft Office version 2010.