



Use of the CIPM MRA logo and certificates statement

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1. Background.

After the CIPM MRA was signed in 1999, it was considered that in order to draw the attention of their customers, and other interested parties, to the recognition by all other signatories of the CIPM MRA of the validity of the calibration and measurement certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) and Designated Institutes (DIs) participating of the CIPM MRA, may include a logo and a statement referred to the CIPM MRA.

The 8th JCRB approved the English and French version of the statement as well as the condition for its use. The 14th JCRB suggested the inclusion of a logo on calibration and measurement certificates issued by NMIs and DIs. The logo and the conditions for its use were approved in the CIPM meeting of 2006.

This document provides guidelines for the use of the CIPM MRA Logo and the statement.

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2. General considerations

Both the statement and the logo may be included in NMIs and DIs certificates on a voluntary basis.

Use. The CIPM MRA Logo can only be displayed and the statement included on those calibration and measurement certificates covered by a Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC published in the [Appendix C](#) section of the BIPM key comparison database ([KCDB](#)) available on the BIPM website. In cases where a small percentage of the items reported in the calibration and measurement certificates are not covered by CMCs published in the Appendix C section of the BIPM key comparison database (KCDB), then those items shall be clearly noted as not being supported by the CIPM MRA.

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3. Guidelines for the use of the CIPM MRA Logo

3.1. Description of the CIPM MRA logo.

The Logo for the CIPM MRA is:



This logo, designated as “CIPM MRA Logo”, is the exclusive property of the BIPM.

The CIPM MRA Logo consists of the image of the Pavillon de Breteuil designed in blue with a yellow arc around it [as represented in the logo of the BIPM which is protected by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) under the terms of Article 6ter of the *Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle du 20 mars 1883* (révisée)], and the acronym “CIPM MRA” below, which represents the *Arrangement for Mutual Recognition of national measurement standards and for calibration and measurement certificates issued by national metrology institutes drawn up by the International Committee for Weights and Measures*. This acronym is made of the acronym “CIPM”, which designates the International Committee for Weights and Measures, and the term “MRA”, which is the acronym commonly used for Mutual Recognition Arrangement.

3.2. Location and size

- a) Location. It is recommended that the CIPM MRA Logo appears on the same page in the calibration and measurement certificate where the Logo used to identify the NMI also appears. The inclusion of any additional logos representing other organizations remains at the discretion of the NMI or DI, but no implication or endorsement of these other organizations by the CIPM MRA shall be made or implied.

- b) Size. It is recommended that the size of the CIPM MRA Logo be no larger than the size of the logo used to identify the NMI.

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4. Calibration certificate CIPM MRA statement

The following CIPM MRA statement may also be included on the calibration and measurement certificates.

This certificate is consistent with the capabilities that are included in Appendix C of the MRA drawn up by the CIPM. Under the MRA, all participating institutes recognize the validity of each other's calibration and measurement certificates for the quantities, ranges and measurement uncertainties specified in Appendix C (for details see <http://www.bipm.org>)

Note: In making a French version it became clear that in French it is necessary to be more explicit than in English. The following is the French text that has also been agreed:

Ce certificat est en accord avec les aptitudes en matière de mesures et d'étalonnages (CMCs) figurant dans l'annexe C de l'arrangement de reconnaissance mutuelle (MRA) rédigé par le Comité international des poids et mesures (CIPM). D'après les termes du MRA, tous les laboratoires participants reconnaissent réciproquement la validité des certificats d'étalonnage et de mesurage pour les grandeurs, domaines et incertitudes de mesure mentionnés dans l'annexe C (pour plus de détails, voir (<http://www.bipm.org>)).

The corresponding longer English version is the following:

This certificate is consistent with the calibration and measurement capabilities (CMCs) that are included in Appendix C of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) drawn up by the International Committee for Weights and

Measures (CIPM). Under the MRA, all participating institutes recognize the validity of each other's calibration and measurement certificates for the quantities, ranges and measurement uncertainties specified in Appendix C (for details see <http://www.bipm.org>).

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5. Request of authorization for the use of the logo and the statement.

- a) Availability. The Director of the NMIs or DIs interested in using the CIPM MRA logo shall send the Director of the BIPM a form entitled "Request for use of the CIPM MRA Logo" duly completed and signed (see appendix A). In return, an Authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo will be granted and an electronic version of the Logo will be provided. The NMIs and DIs duly authorized to use the CIPM MRA Logo will be listed in the CIPM MRA section of the BIPM website.
- b) The authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo is granted as a non exclusive right and for only as long as the NMI or DI is a signatory to the CIPM MRA and fulfils all the conditions of the CIPM MRA.
- c) The authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo given to an NMI or a DI cannot be delegated, subcontracted or otherwise transmitted to any other party.
- d) The CIPM MRA Logo is the exclusive property of the BIPM. When signing the form entitled "Request for use of the CIPM MRA Logo", the Director of the NMI or DI undertakes on behalf of her/his institute not to apply for any registration of the CIPM MRA Logo anywhere in the world, in any class of use whatsoever, nor shall the institutes assist any other party to do so.
- e) The authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo is valid in all territories.
- f) The authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo is given for an initial period of 2 years. It shall be subsequently renewed on a yearly basis by tacit agreement.
- g) Any breach of the terms of these Guidelines may result in the withdrawal of authorization to use the CIPM MRA Logo.

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6. Related documents

1. [CIPM MRA](#) - Mutual recognition of national measurement standards and of calibration and measurement certificates issued by national metrology institutes
2. [JCRB Minutes](#).
3. [NMIs and other Designated Institutes](#)
4. [Services available to Associates States and Economies of the CGPM and their participation in the CIPM MRA](#)
5. [Calibration and measurement capabilities](#) - A paper by the joint BIPM/ILAC working group

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7. Revision History

Version number	Date of Issue/Review	Summary of changes	
1	2001-10-09	Supersedes documents:	
		DOCUMENT CIPM 2006-04	Guidelines for use of the CIPM MRA Logo
		JCRB-8/Cal_Cert_Statement	

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Appendix A – Forms for requesting authorization of the use of the logo

Request for use of the CIPM MRA Logo

I, name + title, on behalf of name of NMI or DI, hereby request authorization to use the CIPM MRA Logo on the calibration and measurement certificates of my institute in the quantities and ranges listed in our entries in the Appendix C of the BIPM KCDB.

I certify that I agree with the provisions set out in the “Guidelines for use of the CIPM MRA Logo” and that my institute will only make use of the Logo as per these guidelines.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name of Metrology Institute (NMI or DI): _____

Name of the Member State of the Metre Convention or Associate of the CGPM:

Contact Person

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo

I, Prof. Andrew J. Wallard, Director of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), on behalf of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM), hereby authorize the name of NMI or DI to display the CIPM MRA Logo in their calibration and measurement certificates covered by Calibration Measurement Capabilities (CMCs) published in Appendix C of the CIPM Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) and listed in the BIPM key comparison database (KCDB).

This authorization for use of the CIPM MRA Logo is given on the condition that the name of NMI or DI fully applies the Guidelines for use of the CIPM MRA Logo and could be revoked upon breach of any of the provisions set out in the afore-mentioned guidelines. The authorization is valid for two years and it shall be subsequently renewed on a yearly basis by tacit agreement.

Prof. Andrew J. Wallard

Date _____

Director of the BIPM

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