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The International Organization of Legal Metrology is an intergovernmental treaty organization which

- develops model regulations, standards and related documents for use by legal metrology authorities and industry,
- provides mutual recognition systems which reduce trade barriers and costs in a global market,
- represents the interests of the legal metrology community within international organizations and forums concerned with metrology, standardization, testing, certification and accreditation,
- promotes and facilitates the exchange of knowledge and competencies within the legal metrology community worldwide,
- cooperates with other metrology bodies to raise awareness of the contribution that a sound legal metrology infrastructure can make to a modern economy.

The OIML issues several categories of publications:

- International Recommendations, which are intended as model regulations for a number of categories of measuring instruments, and which OIML Member States are morally obliged to implement as far as possible;
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- other publications such as Vocabularies, Guides, Basic Publications and Expert Reports.

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