



Voting procedures during the OIML Conference

According to Article VIII of the OIML Convention,

"Decisions of the Conference may only become effective if the number of Member States present be at least two-thirds of the total number of Member States and if they shall have received a minimum of four-fifths of the votes cast. The number of votes cast shall be at least four-fifths of the number of Member States present. Abstentions and blank or null votes shall not be considered as votes cast."

This means that each country present has one vote and that proxies cannot be given for voting at the Conference.

Out of 59 Member States (as of September 1st), 40 Member States must be present. If less than 40 Member States are present at the Conference, no valid decisions can be taken.

Member States present	Min votes cast	Max abstentions
40	32	8
41	33	8
42	34	8
43	35	8
44	36	8
45	36	9
46	37	9
47	38	9
48	39	9
49	40	9
50	40	10
51	41	10
52	42	10
53	43	10
54	44	10
55	44	11
56	45	11
57	46	11
58	47	11
59	48	11

Votes cast	Min "yes" votes	Max "no" votes
32	26	6
33	27	6
34	28	6
35	28	7
36	29	7
37	30	7
38	31	7
39	32	7
40	32	8
41	33	8
42	34	8
43	35	8
44	36	8
45	36	9

Votes cast	Min "yes" votes	Max "no" votes
46	37	9
47	38	9
48	39	9
49	40	9
50	40	10
51	41	10
52	42	10
53	43	10
54	44	10
55	44	11
56	45	11
57	46	11
58	47	11
59	48	11

Practically, for votes which are not made by secret ballot, those Member States which abstain will be noted, and if their number is less than one-fifth of Member States present, those Member States which vote negatively will then be noted.

Voting procedures during the CIML Meetings

According to Article XVII of the OIML Convention,

"Committee Members unable to attend a meeting may delegate their vote to one of their colleagues who shall then be their representative. In such event, a single Member may not have more than two votes in addition to his own."

"Decisions shall be valid only if the number of those present and represented be at least three-quarters of the number of persons designated as Members of the Committee and should they be supported by a minimum of four-fifths of the votes cast. The number of votes cast shall be at least four-fifths of the number of those present and represented at the session. Abstentions, blank and null votes shall not be considered as votes cast."

This means that each country present has one vote and that proxies can be given for voting at the CIML level (no more than two proxies to a country).

Out of 59 Member States (as of September 1st), 45 Member States must be present or represented. If less than 45 Member States are present or represented at the CIML Meeting, no valid decisions can be taken.

Member States present or represented	Min votes cast	Max abstentions
45	36	9
46	37	9
47	38	9
48	39	9
49	40	9
50	40	10
51	41	10
52	42	10
53	43	10
54	44	10
55	44	11
56	45	11
57	46	11
58	47	11
59	48	11

Votes cast	Min "yes" votes	Max "no" votes
36	29	7
37	30	7
38	31	7
39	32	7
40	32	8
41	33	8
42	34	8
43	35	8
44	36	8
45	36	9
46	37	9
47	38	9

Votes cast	Min "yes" votes	Max "no" votes
48	39	9
49	40	9
50	40	10
51	41	10
52	42	10
53	43	10
54	44	10
55	44	11
56	45	11
57	46	11
58	47	11
59	48	11

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