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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB) Meeting 32, Oslo, 2012-10-02

SUBJECT
List of the decisions taken at CAB meeting 32, Oslo, 2012-10-02

Decision 32/1—Approval of the agenda

The CAB approves the agenda contained in CAB/1090C/DA.

Decision 32/2—Participation of EEC countries in the CA Systems

The CAB thanks the IEC delegation which has recently signed a letter of intention with the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC, representing the customs union of the Federation of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan), and stresses how important it is for world trade and the IEC that the three countries should be able to take a full role in the IEC CA Systems. The CAB endorses the steps outlined by the IEC delegation and Mr Zazhigalkin for formalizing the cooperation and participation in the IEC CA Systems. In particular, the CAB encourages the IEC and the EEC to sign a suitable Memorandum of Understanding by February 2013, before the relevant technical regulations are put in place.

Decision 32/3—Affiliate Country Programme

The CAB thanks the Affiliate Country Programme Leader, Mr Phuntsho Wangdi, for his much appreciated address, notes with great interest the importance of conformity assessment for the countries in the programme, and is pleased that practical cooperation with the Systems is already taking place. Further to Decision 31/9, the CAB encourages the Affiliate Countries to express their CA needs clearly, and is pleased to accept the proposal of the Affiliate Country Programme for the CAB and the Systems to provide support to countries in the Programme in developing their understanding and use of IEC conformity assessment services. The CAB intends to decide on the modalities at CAB Meeting 33 (2013-06). WG 11 is encouraged to make concrete proposals for discussion by 2013-02, so that CAB meeting 33 may take a decision.

Decision 32/4—WG 10 member

The CAB appoints Mr Ron Collis to WG 10.

Decision 32/5—WG 10, CAB Policy and Strategy

Further to Decision 31/8 and discussion, the CAB notes that WG 10 is due to keep the risk management grid up to date, to revise and consolidate the list of policies and reference documents (CAB/1040/INF), to revise the Conformity Assessment Board Policy Statement (CAB/765A/INF) and IEC Policy Statement on Conformity Assessment (Annex 2 to CAB/741/INF), and to develop a Masterplan 2011 implementation plan for the CAB. It requests WG 10 to produce a work plan by the end of 2012 and is pleased to note that face-to-face meetings have been scheduled during the next months.

Decision 32/6—WG 16, Systems Approach in CA

The CAB thanks WG 16 for its report and recognizes that, in addition to the important work of collaborating with the SMB, significant system aspects in conformity assessment *per se* must be dealt with. It approves recommendations 1 and 2 from WG 16.

Decision 32/7—IECQ 2011 accounts

The CAB approves the IECQ audited accounts for 2011 contained in CAB/1087/DV.

Decision 32/8—IECEX 2011 accounts

The CAB approves the IECEX audited accounts for 2011 contained in CAB/1086/DV.

Decision 32/9—IECEE 2011 accounts

The CAB approves the IECEE audited accounts for 2011 contained in CAB/1084/DV.

Decision 32/10—IECEE officer appointments

The CAB approves the nominations of Mr Shigeyuki Kondo as Vice-Chairman and Mr Fritz Beglinger as Treasurer of the IECEE, both for the term 2013-01-01 to 2015-12-31.

Decision 32/11—IECEE scope extension for noise level

The CAB approves the extension to the scope of the IECEE System to include acoustic noise emission level.

Decision 32/12—Solvent for use in the scrub test

Concerning the requirements in standards for the chemical solvent to be used in the scrub test (CAB/1088/R, 2.1), the CAB requests IEC Central Office to investigate what measures may be taken to resolve the problems encountered by the IECEE System.

Decision 32/13—IECEE scope extension for electric vehicles

The CAB notes the new category ELVH (CAB/1078/DV) and approves the corresponding extension to the scope of the IECEE System.

Decision 32/14—Inter-Systems cooperation for electric vehicles and other synergistic areas

The CAB notes that IECEE has an electric vehicles category, IECQ is also serving the automotive electronics industry within its current scope, IECEX may be involved with electric vehicles in the future, and in general automobiles with their many electrical and electronic subsystems are an excellent example of an area requiring a systems approach. It therefore encourages cooperation among the Systems with respect to existing and new services related to automobiles, and in other areas (such as hazardous substances where cooperation is already well advanced) where synergies exist and complementary services are offered.

Decision 32/15—Harmonization of ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17065 checklists

The CAB thanks the Systems' Executive Secretaries for their plan to harmonize the ISO/IEC 17025-based checklists, and also for their intention to examine how the new ISO/IEC 17065 will influence their certification-body-related checklists and whether this will allow harmonization.

Decision 32/16—Work of IEC TC 111 and ISO/TC 207 on carbon footprint

The CAB thanks the IEC TC 111 Secretary for his presentation, and appreciates the clear information provided for its consideration of carbon footprint. It also thanks Ms Stampfl-Blaha for her offer to allow the ISO/TMB and the IEC SMB to find an informal solution to any concerns involving ISO DIS 14067.

Decision 32/17—*Draft of ISO/IEC 17067, Fundamentals of product certification*

The CAB recommends National Committees, when commenting and voting on CABPUB/67/CDV (*ISO/IEC DIS 17067*), to take the needs of the IEC CA Systems and the comments in CAB/1101/DC into account. It also requests its Secretariat to convey to ISO/CASCO the CAB's opinion that thorough revision of the DIS draft will be needed, since it is deficient in serving the needs of the IEC CA Systems.

Decision 32/18—*Early IEC input to ISO/CASCO WGs*

The CAB intends to examine the process for IEC Coordinators in ISO/CASCO WGs to generate and provide IEC input early into the development of ISO/IEC standards on conformity assessment, and provide more specific guidance to its Coordinators and experts.

Decision 32/19—*IEC Coordinators in ISO/CASCO WGs*

The CAB confirms Mr C. Agius as IEC Coordinator in CASCO/WG 21, and appoints Mr Alex Ezrakovich (AU) as IEC Coordinator in CASCO/WG 37 and Mr de Ruvo as IEC Coordinator in CASCO WG 32.

Decision 32/20—*Approval of the revised MoU between IEC, ILAC and IAF*

The CAB approves the text of the revised MoU between IEC, ILAC and IAF as contained in CAB/1096/DV and recommends the General Secretary to sign it. In connection with its implementation, the CAB notes that—as before—the Systems' Management Committees are the bodies which decide for each System the application of the principles set out in the MoU. For the future, the CAB recognizes the importance of the System members in the Steering Committee fully informing the management committee of each System of progress, before any final decisions concerning the MoU are taken.

Decision 32/21—*ITU-T conformity assessment and interoperability testing project*

The CAB thanks ITU TSB, and in particular Mr P. Rosa, for information on the ITU-T conformity assessment and interoperability testing project. The CAB encourages discussions to understand the needs of ITU and to determine if there are possible areas of cooperation with the IEC or the IEC CA Systems. It will be happy to examine any concrete proposals.

Decision 32/22—*ASEAN integration initiatives in standards and conformance*

The CAB thanks Mr F. Frederick for the presentation on ASEAN integration initiatives in standards, conformity assessment and regulation, which it appreciated very much. It requests IEC Central Office to examine the possibility of inviting regional representatives to CAB meetings, and of providing information to regional organizations on useful international developments such as UNECE recommendations concerning IEC standards and conformity assessment, especially the best-practice recommended model for regulation for explosive atmospheres. The CAB regards it as a very important result that ASEAN member states' harmonized regulations already recognize the IECEE System as competent in assessing certification bodies and testing laboratories and therefore qualifying them to be designated bodies in ASEAN. It recommends ASEAN to fully accept all internationally valid conformity assessment results, such as test reports and certificates, in the areas of the IEC CA Systems.