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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

Meeting 15, Geneva, 2004-06-08

SUBJECT

List of decisions taken at CAB meeting 15 held in Geneva on 2004-06-08

Decision 15/1 — CAB agenda

The CAB approves the draft agenda presented in document CAB/468B/DA.

Decision 15/2 — Availability of CAB documents

The CAB notes that, as no adverse comments have been received on the procedures proposed for making CAB documents available on the IEC General Server, outlined in CAB/456/INF, the procedures have been implemented successfully.

Decision 15/3 — Draft ISO/IEC Guide 75, “Principles ...”

The CAB notes the revised draft of ISO/IEC Guide 75, included in CAB/479A/INF, agrees with the content of the document, and requests that the SMB be informed accordingly.

Decision 15/4 — IEC Mark of conformity

Having considered the information contained in CAB/464/DV including the preliminary legal opinions, and further advice from WG 7, the CAB is of the view that there is a market demand in some sectors for a generic IEC mark of conformity available for use by the IEC Schemes. While there remain problems to be resolved before a mark can be finally approved and introduced, there are no insuperable barriers which would prevent continuing development of a mark. The CAB therefore recommends to the Council Board, in accordance with the IEC Masterplan 2000, that it should authorize management to proceed with development of a mark. In doing this, management

- should be guided by CAB/464/DV, and its Annex 3 (*Blueprint*) in particular,
- will need to seek further legal opinion as necessary,
- should determine the availability and cost of adequate liability insurance cover and cost for registering and administering a mark, and
- will make use of advice from the CAB and its WG 7 at appropriate stages.

Further, the CAB requests WG 7 to continue its work on design of the mark and the regulations for its licensing and application, in line with the *Blueprint* contained in CAB/464/DV, and to cooperate with management to expedite the finalization of the necessary documentation.

Decision 15/5 — CAB-SMB ad hoc group on “Interpretation of standards”

With the small changes given below, the CAB approves the recommendations of the *ad hoc* group on *Interpretation of standards* for implementation for a trial period of two years; they should be monitored for operational effectiveness. The word “further” should be inserted in the final sentence of the second paragraph of 7.3.

The phrase “within two months” should be understood as meaning that the deadline for voting is two months after the date of issue of the document for vote.

It invites the SMB to concur with this Decision, to implement the procedure, and to put in place a monitoring method.

Decision 15/6 — IECEE Scheme report

The CAB notes the report from the IECEE Chairman and congratulates the IECEE Officers on the strong growth of the Scheme, particularly the continuing annual increase in CB Test Certificates issued and the outstanding growth in Certificates exchanged.

The CAB notes the progress with implementation of the IECEE Photovoltaic (PV) Programme and welcomes the ongoing cooperation with PV GAP.

Decision 15/7 — IECEx Scheme report

The CAB thanks the IECEx Chairman for his report and notes the growing interest in the Scheme, as illustrated by the number of certificates issued since the introduction of the on-line system, and by the potential for new members, additional Ex Certification Bodies and Test Laboratories.

Decision 15/8 — IECQ-CECC Scheme report

The CAB notes the report from the IECQ-CECC Chairman and supports the initiatives being pursued to revitalize the Scheme and the exploration of new opportunities for growth. The CAB recognizes that there are areas where cross-recognition of certificates/assessments between the Schemes could be mutually beneficial and encourages the Schemes to cooperate to the maximum possible extent.

Decision 15/9 — IECQ-CECC Scheme Vice-Chairman

The CAB appoints Mr Lloyd Condra as Vice-Chairman of the IECQ-CECC for a second three-year term commencing on 2004-01-01.

Decision 15/10 — IECQ-CECC Scheme Secretary

The CAB appoints Mr Richard Kay as Secretary of the IECQ-CECC for a further five-year term commencing on 2004-01-01.

Decision 15/11 — IEC WT 01, wind turbine certification

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the Secretary of TC 88 for his very comprehensive report on the current position with respect to the development and use of WT 01. It observes that, while the document is being used in a number of countries, at this time there is no active IEC Wind Turbine Certification Scheme in operation. The CAB also supports the proposal from the Danish NC for a revision of WT 01 and for the investigation of the need for an active international wind turbine scheme under the auspices of the CAB.

Action item: the CAB Secretary to investigate how to put a procedure in place for the updating of documents such as WT 01, without having to make them pseudo-TC documents. Ref.: CAB/480/INF.

Decision 15/12 — Synergies among the Schemes

The CAB welcomes the cooperation among the Schemes as outlined in CAB/483/INF and encourages the Schemes to continue to explore synergies and opportunities to cooperate, improve efficiency and minimize overall costs. In addition the CAB encourages the Schemes to consider other opportunities for mutually beneficial areas of cooperation.

Decision 15/13 — ISO/IEC 17050-1 and ISO/IEC 17050-2

The CAB has considered the report of the IEC Coordinator in ISO/CASCO WG 24, and recommends to IEC National Committees to cast positive votes on ISO/IEC 17050-1 and -2 when they are issued for FDIS vote in June 2004.

Decision 15/14 — Reports concerning ISO/CASCO activities

The CAB notes the reports provided by the CAB Officers relating to the ISO/CASCO Plenary meeting held in Nov. 2003 and the CASCO Chairman's Policy and Coordination group held in Feb. 2004. The CAB expresses its appreciation for the reports provided by the IEC Coordinators in CASCO WGs.

Decision 15/15 — Handling of ISO/CASCO documents in IEC

The CAB approves the procedure for the handling of CASCO documents within IEC as outlined in CAB/457/DV and requests the CAB Secretary to implement the procedure as soon as practicable.

Decision 15/16 — CCAF

The CAB thanks Mr Trondvold for his report on CCAF activities, and welcomes the support indicated in that report for the recognition of IECEX within the context of the ATEX Directive.

Decision 15/17 — CAB-ILAC Technical Panel

The CAB notes the report on the meeting of the CAB-ILAC Technical Panel held in April 2004 and welcomes the continuing strong cooperation outlined in the report. The CAB encourages each of the Schemes to participate in the joint activities with ILAC and its members, to maximize the benefits accruing through such cooperation.

Decision 15/18 — CAB-ILAC Policy Panel

The CAB confirms the membership of its delegation in the CAB-ILAC Policy Panel as the CAB Chairman (delegation leader), Mr Fredriksson and Mr Klausmeyer (Chairmen of IECEE and IECEX) and Mr de Ruvo (leader of the CAB delegation to the CAB-ILAC Technical panel).

Decision 15/19 — Cooperation with IAF

The CAB notes the comments from the Schemes on the potential benefit of cooperation with IAF, requests the Chairman to initiate discussions with the IAF Officers on possible areas for cooperation, and report to the CAB at its next meeting.

Decision 15/20 — ICSCA, APEC SCSC and PASC

The CAB thanks Mr Collis for his informative update on matters of interest on ICSCA, APEC SCSC and PASC.

Decision 15/21 — Future CAB meetings

The CAB notes that the next meeting is to be held in conjunction with the IEC General Meeting in Seoul on 2004-10-19, and requests its Chairman to consult on the best date for the following meeting in Geneva (in May or June 2005).

The CAB requests the Schemes to provide an informative presentation at that meeting.

Action item: Mr Rundqvist to provide a discussion paper for how the CAB could or should respond to new CA proposals.