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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

SUBJECT

Decision List of CAB meeting 23 held in Geneva on 2008-06-02

Decision 23/1 — *IECEE Budget 2009* (approved by correspondence)

Noting the recommendation of the IECEE CMC, the CAB approves the IECEE budget for 2009 contained in document CAB/732/DV.

Decision 23/2 — *IECQ Budget 2009* (approved by correspondence)

Noting the recommendation of the IECQ MC, the CAB approves the IECQ budget for 2009 contained in document CAB/733/DV.

Decision 23/3 — *IECEX Budget 2009* (approved by correspondence)

Noting the recommendation of the IECEX MC, the CAB approves the IECEX budget for 2009 contained in document CAB/734/DV

Decision 23/4 — *IECEE Accounts 2007* (approved by correspondence)

The CAB approves the IECEE audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 contained in CAB/735/DV.

Decision 23/5 — *IECQ Accounts 2007* (approved by correspondence)

The CAB approves the IECQ audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 contained in CAB/736/DV.

Decision 23/6 — *IECEX Accounts 2007* (approved by correspondence)

The CAB approves the IECEX audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 contained in CAB/737/DV.

Decision 23/7 — *CAB Agenda*

With the addition of a discussion of draft ISO/IEC Guide 98-1 under Any Other Business, the CAB approves the revised draft agenda presented in document CAB/725B/DA.

Decision 23/8 — *Comment period on CAB Meeting Report*

The CAB withdraws its Decision 22/5 and resolves, in accordance with the IEC Rules of Procedure Clause 12.3, to allow one month for commenting on Draft Meeting Reports before they are confirmed.

Decision 23/9 — *Report of WG 10, CAB Strategy and Implementation*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to CAB WG 10 for its initial report on the implementation of the CAB Strategy and Implementation Plan and requests the WG to finalise the implementation aspects of the Plan and make recommendations on future action for consideration by the CAB at the São Paulo meeting.

Decision 23/10 — *Establishment of WG 14, Publicity*

After consideration of the report of WG 10 (CAB/752/R), the CAB resolves to establish a Working Group with the following Terms of Reference:

- Examine current presentations and other available publicity material on IEC conformity assessment services and, if necessary, initiate development of new presentations and other material;
- Assess the need for and viability of a study/survey of global acceptance of IEC conformity assessment services;
- Identify those bodies/organisations with which contact/liaisons should be established to further promote the IEC's conformity assessment services.

The CAB appoints Mr Ron Collis as Convener and Dr Imgrund and Ms Sterling as members, with each of the CA Systems requested to nominate two members.

Decision 23/11 — *Membership of WG 11*

The CAB appoints Mr Gryn and Dr Fujisawa as additional members of WG 11.

Decision 23/12 — *Report of WG 13, Product Piracy*

The CAB approves the recommendations of WG 13 given in Section 5 of the Working Group's report (CAB/731/R), in the sense of requesting the Schemes to consider inserting in the relevant rules a requirement that a declaration similar to the following shall be used by the certification bodies:

"The applicant confirms that it is in full possession of all necessary intellectual property rights on the product to be tested (including its components), insofar as testing and/or certification is applied for."

Further the CAB requests the IECEX to consider introducing into its rules the requirement that a declaration similar to the following shall be used by the ExCBs:

"We ((the applicant)) are aware of the fact that any offering, sampling or trading of products bearing the IECEX Mark prior to granting the IECEX Mark is regarded as a deliberate misuse of the IECEX Mark. For the application, the general terms and conditions of the IECEX Mark system are valid i.e. IECEX OD 023."

Decision 23/13 — *Recommendations of WG 13, Product Piracy*

The CAB requests the Schemes to give consideration to recommendations (c) to (g) in CAB/731/R and report to the CAB on the action taken in response to those recommendations.

Decision 23/14 — *CAB ad hoc group on the Directives*

The CAB resolves to disband the SMB/CAB *ad hoc* Group on the Directives and thanks the members of the Group for their work.

Decision 23/15 — *IEC Conformity Assessment Policy Statement*

The CAB approves, with the following two amendments, the IEC Conformity Assessment Policy Statement included as Annex 2 to CAB/741/R (the modified version is attached to the report of this meeting) and recommends it to the Council Board for approval.

The following new paragraph is added as the second-to-last paragraph:

The CAB collaborates with ISO/CASCO at both the policy and technical levels and promotes the development of joint ISO/IEC standards for conformity assessment.

The word "demands" replaces the word "needs" in para. 2, last sentence.

Decision 23/16 — IECQ Basic Rules

The CAB approves the revised IECQ Basic Rules included in CAB/755/DV.

Decision 23/17 — Approval of System accounts and budgets by correspondence

Noting the success of the programme for approval of System accounts and budgets in 2008, the CAB resolves to adopt a similar process for approval of System accounts and budgets by correspondence in 2009 subject to additional time being made available for the approval of System audited accounts.

Decision 23/18 — Amendments to the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The CAB has considered the proposed amendments to the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure included in CB/472/DC (CAB/730/INF) and as requested provides the following comments to the Council Board:

- In the Statutes, 3rd para., 2nd sentence, “A non-IEC member country” should be replaced by “A body from a non-IEC member country”.
- In the Statutes, 5th para., 2nd sentence, “A non-IEC member country” should be replaced by “Bodies from non-IEC member countries”, and the verb made to agree.
- In the Statutes, 6th para., third line, “power” should be changed to “authority”.
- The third sentence of the first paragraph of Clause 13 of the Rules of Procedure, beginning “After consultation with a scheme’s chairman”, should be replaced by a new paragraph:

The CAB shall consult with the relevant CA System’s management committee before exercising its authority under these Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

Decision 23/19 — Revision of the ISO/IEC Directives’ clauses on conformity assessment aspects

The CAB has considered the policy objectives and proposed changes to the ISO/IEC Directives on conformity assessment aspects given in CB/489/DC (CAB/751/DC) and supports the content of the document with the following change:

- replace the second sentence of para. 2 of 6.7.1 with: “Committees wishing to specify additional conformity assessment requirements for the product, process or service may only do so in a separate document.”

Decision 23/20 — Proposed Register of Suppliers’ Declarations of Conformity

The CAB does not support development of an SDoC Register, and provides the following comments on the proposals outlined in CB/488/DC (CAB/740/DC), for consideration by the Council Board:

- There is no identification of market demand.
- The Register could be used for the listing of counterfeit products, with potential adverse effects on the IEC.
- There is a potential to damage the IEC brand.
- There is a need for confirmation of the information listed, with cost and effort involved.
- The burden on both manufacturers and NCs is unacceptable.
- Many NCs would be unable to handle the workload.
- Consistent application of IEC standards is not ensured.
- It is not clear how to handle national differences.
- Any standard may be used, so that IEC standards are not necessarily promoted.
- It is not appropriate for the IEC to be involved in such a project.

Decision 23/21 — *Appointment of IEC Representatives in CASCO*

The CAB decides to appoint Chris Agius as the IEC representative on the CASCO STAR group, and Heribert Schorn as the IEC Coordinator in CASCO WG 28 in replacement of Joe Gryn, who is thanked for his work.

Decision 23/22 — *IAF members' approach to approval of laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025*

The CAB notes the concern expressed by the IEC CA Systems that CBs are being placed in an unacceptable position with some accreditors which are members of IAF, solely through approving laboratories to ISO/IEC 17025 for acceptance within an IEC CA System. It requests its Chairman and the IEC-IAF Technical and/or Policy Panels, as relevant, to take the issue up with IAF urgently.

Decision 23/23 — *IEC/IAF Memorandum of Understanding*

Noting the amendments proposed by IAF to the text of the draft MoU previously approved by the CAB, the CAB decides to replace the sentence beginning "*The Technical Panel will also address issues related to QMS auditing and certification...*" by "*The Technical Panel may also address issues related to QMS auditing and certification of the organizations delivering products and services covered by the IEC schemes in support of IEC CA Systems' requirements*", to make the initial duration two years, and to request the General Secretary to sign it in that form.