



INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)	Meeting 28, Seattle, 2010-10-12
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SUBJECT
List of the decisions taken by CAB Meeting 28 held in Seattle on 2010-10-12

Decision 28/1 — Agenda
The CAB approves the agenda contained in document CAB/920B/DA with the addition of a new item, 11.4, concerning the International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML), and another, 7.6, on financial transparency in the Systems.

Decision 28/2 — Affiliate Country Programme
The CAB thanks Mr Rodriguez for sharing the latest information on the Affiliate Country Programme with CAB members, congratulates him on his successful years as the Leader and wishes him well for the future. It also appreciates very much the Affiliate Countries' interest and progress in conformity assessment, hopes to continue cooperation with them in information exchange and training, and reiterates its willingness to provide whatever support they require.

Decision 28/3 — Risk Management Grid & Masterplan 2006 implementation
The CAB approves the latest versions of the Risk Management Grid contained in document CAB/912/INF, and of the Masterplan 2006 implementation contained in CAB/874/DC.

Decision 28/4 — Smart Grid: collaboration with SMB SG 3
The CAB requests the SMB to allow a member of the CAB WG 12 *ad hoc* group on the Smart Grid, Mr W. Kreinberg *ad interim*, to attend and collaborate with SG 3.

Decision 28/5 — Smart Grid: business development in the Systems
The CAB encourages the Systems to pursue their business development efforts related to Smart Grid and electrical energy efficiency (E³), and keep the CAB informed.

Decision 28/6 — New standards for electrical energy efficiency (E³)
The CAB requests the SMB to encourage the stakeholders and TCs/SCs to highlight E³ matters in technical standardization work, and to submit and support new work in the E³ area.

Decision 28/7 — Existing standards for E³ and future plans
The CAB requests the SMB to provide a list of all IEC standards and projects with material on E³, carrying out a survey if necessary. Depending on the results, the CAB further requests that TCs/SCs be surveyed to determine what their further plans are.

Decision 28/8 — *System-level conformity assessment*

The CAB is awaiting information from the MSB Special Working Group (SWG) on System-Level Conformity Assessment (SLCA), and intends to examine on an ongoing basis how it relates to the CAB's responsibilities and the CA Systems.

Decision 28/9 — *Harmonized international regulations*

The CAB recommends the CB to examine how the IEC could contribute to the worldwide harmonization of technical E³ regulations. On the one hand existing standards, which already contain material which could serve as a good basis for regulations, should be offered to the relevant regulator community/ies; on the other hand, any standards not yet available which would be needed for harmonized international regulation should be developed.

Decision 28/10 — *Choice of levels of E³*

The CAB recommends the SMB to start a group to discuss the incorporation of different levels for acceptance criteria to satisfy national/regional choices of E³ requirements and regulations, so that the market surveillance task of the authorities is eased and the return on the investments made by manufacturers and users to achieve E³ improved. The CAB through the Systems will try to propose some regulators as potential members of the group.

Decision 28/11 — *E³ CA in Affiliate and other uninvolved countries*

The CAB requests the IEC Affiliate Country Leader and secretariat to ask Affiliate Countries to provide information on their ongoing or expected E³ conformity assessment developments. It also requests IEC Central Office to try to obtain such information from other uninvolved countries.

Decision 28/12 — *Information on E³ CA to be supplied to authorities*

The CAB considers that there is an urgent need for increased cooperation and communication with legislators, regulators and authorities having jurisdiction for E³ and Smart Grid, and therefore proposes to supply information on E³ standards and conformity assessment to these authorities. It therefore requests its Chairman to consult with the SMB Chairman on how this may be achieved.

Decision 28/13 — *Marking or labelling for E³*

Given the proliferation, inconsistency, and sometimes lack of a sound technical basis for E³ marking in the marketplace, the CAB considers that it may be relevant to examine the possibility of introducing unified IEC E³ marking or labelling (to exclude any option involving licensing), and thus offering the market the opportunity of replacing many marking regimes with a single, objective, international labelling method. This may be regarded as an extension to the proposal in Decision 28/12.

Decision 28/14 — *Brochure on product piracy*

The CAB welcomes the Swedish proposal for a brochure dealing with product piracy, requests IEC C.O. to publish such a brochure and asks WG 13 to contribute to the contents as necessary.

Decision 28/15 — *Approval of the 2009 IECEE accounts*

The CAB approves the 2009 IECEE accounts as contained in document CAB/919/DV.

Decision 28/16 — *Approval of the revised 2011 IECEE budget*

The CAB approves the revised 2011 IECEE budget as presented in 1.2 of document CAB/915/R.

Decision 28/17 — *Harmonization of standards involving batteries*

Noting the strong requirement in the IECEE for harmonized standards for products subject to TC 108 standards, containing batteries covered by IEC 62133 (from SC 21A), the CAB recommends the SMB to encourage SC 21A and TC 108 to complete the harmonization of product and battery standards as quickly as possible, so that normative references to battery standards may be made in TC 108's standards. Any delay runs the risk of compromising the IECEE's efforts to certify products for safety in a harmonized way worldwide. The CAB would be pleased if information on progress was made available by the SMB.

Decision 28/18 — *Treatment of System members from non-IEC-member countries*

The CAB requests WG 11 to examine the situation of System members from countries which are not members of the IEC, if after the requisite time their country has still not become an IEC member. If appropriate WG 11 should produce suggestions for changes of procedure within the current Rules, or propose an amendment to the Rules decided by the Council Board if necessary. Possibilities are a warning, an appeals procedure, a further delay, etc.

Decision 28/19 — *Policy of ZLS (Germany) and effects on IECEE*

The CAB notes with concern the non-acceptance of CB Scheme test results as the basis for granting the GS mark, caused by a new policy from the German federal states' safety authority ZLS. If the IECEE cannot report a solution within two months, the CAB requests IEC management to communicate the concerns raised to the German authorities and request them to work towards a solution.

Decision 28/20 — *Non-acceptance of EMC results*

The CAB requests IEC management to write to the NCs of countries where CB Scheme EMC results are not accepted, asking for the precise reasons for non-acceptance and exactly what would be needed to obtain acceptance.

Decision 28/21 — *Amendment to the IECEx Basic Rules concerning "officers"*

The CAB approves the amendment to the IECEx Basic Rules shown on page 3 of CAB/930/R, with "executives" substituted for "officers" in the first line only.

Decision 28/22 — *Approval of the 2009 IECEx accounts*

The CAB approves the 2009 IECEx accounts as contained in document CAB/923/DV.

Decision 28/23 — *Approval of the 2009 IECQ accounts*

The CAB approves the 2009 IECQ accounts as contained in document CAB/918/DV.

Decision 28/24 — *Continuous monitoring of reported misuse of certificates and marks*

The CAB thanks the CA Systems for the reporting received on their monitoring of reported misuse of certificates and marks, and notes that there were no incidents that may adversely affect the IEC brand or reputation reported to the CAB in the last 12 months.

Decision 28/25 — *Plans for marine renewable energy certification*

The CAB thanks the TC 114 Chairman for her presentation and recommends TC 114 in the first instance to discuss its needs with an *ad hoc* group to be formed in the CAB and chaired by Mr Agius. The members of the group from the CAB side will be Mr/s X (per Mr Brenon), Mr Imgrund, Mr/s Z (per US), Mr/s W (per Mr Korssell) and Mr Collis. TC 114 is invited to appoint up to six members. The outcome should be reported to the CAB and the SMB by June 2011.

Decision 28/26 — *TC 57 Chairman's presentation*

The CAB thanks the TC 57 Chairman for his presentation, and notes with satisfaction the offer from the CA Systems to consult with TC 57, initially on whether the IECQ programmes involving process assessment may be of use to the power industry or UCA.

Decision 28/27 — *SMB SG 3 Convener's presentation*

The CAB thanks the Convener of SMB SG 3, *Smart Grid*, for his presentation.

Decision 28/28 — *Development of ISO/IEC 17065, Product certification*

The CAB decides to submit the comments in the Annex to CAB/914/R as official IEC comments to the Committee Draft of ISO/IEC 17065 (CABPUB/43/CD), and to inform the NCs of this with a recommendation to them to consider these comments also.

Decision 28/29 — *IEC-IAF-ILAC Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)*

The CAB welcomes the signing of the tripartite MoU, congratulates the CAB representatives and especially Mr de Ruvo, and looks forward to further enhanced cooperation with accreditors and their associations that result in measurable benefits for accredited testing laboratories and certification bodies.

Decision 28/30 — *Cooperation with OIML*

The CAB welcomes the cooperation with OIML and is in favour of the principle of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.