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CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN
EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SYSTEM)**

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Title: Proposal from US – IECEx Document Revision Process

INTRODUCTION

The attached proposal from the USNC/IECEx regarding suggested enhancements for the current IECEx Process for dealing with the Revision of IECEx Rules and ODs.

This proposal is presented for discussion and consideration during the 2015 ExMC Christchurch meeting.

Members are requested to consider the proposal ahead of the ExMC meeting.

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Subject: Agenda Item 8.2, *Revision of IECEx 02 Rules of Procedures*, Document Control Procedure (ExMC/1043/DV)

Dear Mr. Agius:

The United States thanks the IECEx Secretariat for its continued efforts in the document approval, endorsement and staging processes to ensure documents posted to the IECEx website are approved. While there has been very good progress in this area, as seen with Document ExMC/1043/DV - Draft IECEx 02 Edition 5.2, we believe the IECEx community would further benefit from greater transparency in the revision process for all future edited Rules and Operational documents as follows:

- Use of track changes mode involving legislative text (i.e. underlines and strikethroughs), and not marginal bars.
- Establishment of transition periods for the implementation of proposed revisions that involve increases in Rules and Operational procedures.
- Consolidated summary statements for all proposed revisions, with any proposed revisions that are other than simple editorials provided with greater explanation regarding the rationale for proposed revisions. This would enhance common understanding of a document's meaning among all stakeholders.
- Re-circulation of any member comments that were submitted with negative votes, with Secretariat responses included, for re-consideration of their votes by other members prior to final approval of the document revisions.
- Availability of final approved revised documents in a version that still displays the most recent revisions in legislative text with underlines and strikethroughs, and not marginal bars (just like IEC 'red line' versions).
- Documentation of the above revision process procedures in a Rules or Operational document.

This would be of great benefit to ExMC and ExTAG members by simplifying and streamlining their initial review and balloting, and their subsequent use and application, of IECEx System Rules and Operational documents. In addition, this would better

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facilitate the training within member companies and the updating of their internal documents.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to these comments.

Respectfully,

Joel Solis, Secretary
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