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Introduction

The attached proposal from the USNC/IECEX regarding IECEx Operational Document OD 024 follows on from previous ExMC discussions in the Hague, re ExMC/976A/RM Item 8.4.

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: 2015 ExMC Christchurch meeting: agenda item 8.4, *Operational Document OD 024 – Follow up consideration by ExMC to discussions from the 2014 ExMC meeting in The Hague*

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEX thanks you for the consultation and additional research into testing at Client Test facilities, as described in IECEE OD 2048, edition 1.2.

The USNC/IECEX welcomes the harmonization efforts between the IEC conformity assessment systems and submits the following comments on agenda item 8.4:

- The limitation for testing at client facilities to only Stage 1 and 2 is more restrictive than is currently allowed by OD 024, see clause 6.10. Under the current proposal, programs allowed in clauses 6.8 (long-term test) and 6.9 (remote witnessing) would not be allowed. The USNC/IECEX suggests implementation of IECEE OD 2048 for Stages 1, 2 and 3, including clauses 6.8, 6.9 and 6.10 of IECEx OD 024.
- The inclusion of Level 3 from IECEE OD 2048 could drive harmonization between the ExCBs for supervised witness testing as currently allowed by clause 6.10 of IECEx OD 024.
- USNC/IECEX recommends further collaboration with the IECEE in harmonizing the procedures with the goal to include long-term and remote witnessing into a common program.
- The USNC/IECEX suggests a transition period be established for the rollout of any rules.

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

Respectfully,

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