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Title: US Proposal - agenda item 12.4, IECEx Executive – Tasks and Responsibilities

Introduction

The attached proposal from the USNC/IECEx regarding document ExMC/872A/DV..

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 12.4, *IECEX Executive –Tasks and Responsibilities to be delegated to the IECEx Executive (ExMC/872A/DV)*

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEX thanks you for your action on developing a list of certain tasks and responsibilities to be delegated to the Executive for consideration at the 2015 ExMC Christchurch meeting. Recognizing ExMC/1050/CD, *Proposal from US— Authority Matrix for Decisions by the IECEx Executive*, requested action on this issue; however, the USNC/IECEX is not in favor of ExMC/872A/DV for the following reason:

IECEX 01, clause 8.10, states that the Executive can only make decisions as delegated to them by the ExMC. ExMC/872A/DV is too general in its itemization of standing delegated items and needs to be more specific to ensure required ExMC involvement and oversight in order to protect the integrity of the System.

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

Respectfully,

Joel Solis, Secretary
USNC/IECEX



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Note: After consideration during the Christchurch meeting, this document is proposed to be circulated for Member Body balloting such that the closing date is after the Christchurch meeting so as to better facilitate Member Body review and comment.

Tasks and responsibilities to be delegated by the IECEX ExMC to the IECEX Executive

In accordance with 8.10 of IECEX 01, the IECEX Executive is empowered to make decisions between ExMC meetings as delegated to them by the ExMC.

While this list is expected to be revised over time, as of the date on this document, the list of decisions delegated to the Executive by the ExMC exclusively includes:

- 1) Tabulation of reasons for negative votes, and development of proposed resolutions, on assessments and re-assessments of ExTL's and ExCB's throughout the year. Assessments and re-assessments with negative votes to have the reasons for the negative votes and the proposed resolutions circulated to Member Bodies for re-consideration of their votes.
- 2) Development of initial actions on ExMC AGM – CAB related items for proposal to ExMC for final approval.
- 3) Preparation of an Executive committee report for proposal to ExMC for approval that will include items such as:
 - a System overview
 - CAB matters
 - IECEX membership (including new ExTL's and ExCB's, scope variations, scheme participation etc)
 - CB and TL assessments,
 - Use of the IECEX Mark
 - IEC/ILAC/IAF cooperation
 - Liaison with IEC TC 31 activities
 - Liaison with UNECE
 - Assignment of ExMC WG activities
 - System promotion strategies and activitiesAs part of the ExMC approval process, it is expected that Member countries could raise questions that result in revisions to the report that receives final ExMC approval.
- 4) Supervision of the processing (by the Secretariat) of applications for new Member Bodies prior to CAB consideration.
- 5) Supervision of the preparation (by the Secretariat in conjunction with IEC CO) of invoices, financial statements and reports related to the IECEX System operations
- 6) Initial mediation of complaints and instances of breaches of IECEX Rules of Procedure, with any unresolved complaints / instances of breaches brought to the ExMC or the IECEX System



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Board of Appeal for ultimate resolution as appropriate. All complaints / instances of breaches, regardless of their resolution, to be shared for consideration by the ExMC.

- 7) Supervision of actions subsequent to decisions by the ExMC or Board of Appeal in response to breaches of the Rules of Procedure.
- 8) Approval of assessors, with any disagreements regarding assessor approvals brought to the ExMC for final resolution.
- 9) Appointment and removal of assessors to the panel, with any disagreements regarding appointments and removals of assessors brought to the ExMC for final resolution.
- 10) ExCB and ExTL scope extension application approvals based on new editions of existing standards within the ExCB/ExTL scope.

These will be supported by the ongoing work of the Executive Secretary and Secretariat staff in fulfilling the requirements of IECEX 01.