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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

SUBJECT

List of decisions taken by the CAB at its 19th meeting held in Geneva on 2006-05-12

Decision 19/1 — *CAB Agenda*

The CAB approves the revised draft agenda presented in document CAB/582A/DA, with the addition of an item under no. 10, *Any other business*, on the formation of an *ad hoc* group to consider some policy issues relating to the Schemes.

Decision 19/2 — *WG 9 Survey on Hazardous Substances*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the Convener and members of WG 9 for their speedy conduct of the survey on hazardous substances and the useful results achieved. WG 9 will be retained to receive and analyse any further information from NCs and industry.

Decision 19/3 — *Future development of general conformity assessment services for hazardous substances*

The CAB requests IECEE to report to the next CAB meeting on the results of its deliberations with respect to hazardous substances conformity assessment. It further requests IECEx and IECQ to provide to the CAB any additional information available to them. Detailed information is requested from all three Schemes on industry needs and possible services to be provided to fulfil these needs.

Decision 19/4 — *WG 10, "CAB Strategy"*

The CAB resolves to establish Working Group 10, *CAB Strategy*, to develop a CAB Strategy Plan and Implementation Plan, addressing the relevant issues in Masterplan 2006 and other identified CAB and Scheme strategic issues. The CAB appoints Mr F. Onimaru as Convener of WG 10, and the following as members: Dr U. Spindler, Mr R. Collis, Mr M. Brenon, Ms J. Sterling, Mr J. Gryn, a representative from each of the Schemes, and the CAB Secretary. The WG is requested to work by correspondence and to provide the CAB with an initial report at its September 2006 meeting, with the objective of completing a Strategy and Implementation Plan for approval at the CAB meeting in June 2007.

Decision 19/5 — *Adherence to IECEE Rules*

The CAB notes the issues raised with respect to the IECEE:

- the apparent problems with SMT and RMT programmes in some IECEE National Certification Bodies,
 - the IECEE publicly-on-line certificate system, and
 - the conditions for the use of manufacturers' test laboratories,
- and requests the IECEE to consider the policy implications of these issues and provide a report to the next CAB meeting.

Decision 19/6 — *IECEX Mark*

Noting the information provided in the IECEX report on resolution of potential legal liability and insurance concerns and the modest estimated operating costs of the proposed IECEX Mark Licensing System, the CAB resolves to recommend to the Council Board that it approve the introduction of an IECEX Mark and the Draft IECEX Mark Licensing System Regulations in Document IECEX 04 (Version dated 060325, Annex A to CAB/592/R). It will approve a finalized version of the draft Regulations by correspondence. The CAB further resolves that future amendments to IECEX 04 should be submitted to the CAB for approval. The CAB requests that IECEX report regularly on progress with introduction of the Mark and make available to the CAB the supporting operational documents.

Decision 19/7 — *Voluntary status of the IECEX Mark*

The CAB resolves as a matter of policy that the IECEX Mark will be voluntary.

Decision 19/8 — *IEC representatives in CASCO WGs*

The CAB requests the Schemes to nominate IEC representatives to CASCO Working Groups WG 21, the Guide 43 revision WG and (if formed) the Guide 65 revision WG.

Decision 19/9 — *CAB/ILAC Cooperation*

The CAB notes with satisfaction the continuing strong cooperation between ILAC and its Members and the IEC Schemes, particularly the very effective coordination being achieved through the work of the CAB/ILAC Technical Panel and expresses its appreciation to Pierre de Ruvo and the members of the CAB delegation. As requested by the Technical Panel the CAB agrees that Mr Joe Gryn, Chairman of the IECEE CTL, should undertake the task of monitoring the progress of the revision of proficiency testing standard.

Decision 19/10 — *CAB/IAF Cooperation*

The CAB notes the report of the initial meeting of the CAB/IAF Technical Panel and the progress made in initiating cooperation between IAF members and the IEC Schemes. The CAB approves the proposed terms of reference for the Panel.

Decision 19/11 — *Scheme membership policy and consistency of rules*

The CAB appoints an *ad hoc* group comprising the CAB Chairman, the CAB Secretary and the Secretariats of each of the Schemes to consider issues associated with Scheme membership of suspended IEC NCs and to recommend an appropriate policy. The *ad hoc* group should also consider and report on the use by the IEC Schemes of non-ISO and non-IEC documents.

Decision 19/12 — *Mid-year meeting in 2007*

The CAB accepts with pleasure the invitation from the Australian member to hold the June 2007 meeting in Australia, noting that no precedent is being set since the mid-year CAB meeting is normally held in Geneva.