

IECEX Conformity Mark Committee (ExMarkCo)

Agenda item 9

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ExMarkCo – Report from the Chairman

- IECEX CONFORMITY MARK COMMITTEE (ExMarkCo)
 - 9.1 Report from the IECEX Marks Committee Chairman
 - (Note: • [ExMarkCo/35A/R](#) Confirmed Report of the IECEX Mark Committee meeting, held in Paris, 6 June 2012.)
 - 9.1.1 Current List of IECEX Mark Licenses issuing ExCBs
 - 9.1.2 Current ExMarkCo Membership [ExMarkCo/01H/Inf](#)
 - 9.1.3 New Guide – Guidance on use of the IECEX Logo [IECEX 01B](#)
 - 9.1.4 Revisions to IECEX 01B and IECEX 04A
 - 9.1.5 Procedures for issuing IECEX Mark Licenses, OD 022 and use of the IECEX Mark for Unit Verification
 - 9.1.6 Increased Exposure and Use of the IECEX Mark on CoCs
 - 9.2 Notification of misuse of the IECEX Conformity Mark
 - 9.3 Other Matters associated with the Mark

9.1.1 Existing Mark Licensing ExCBs

- Current ExCB Mark Licensing Bodies – 14 Total
 - Australia – Safety in Mines Testing and Research Station (SIMTARS)
 - Australia – TestSafe Australia
 - Finland – VTT Expert Services Ltd. (VTT)
 - France – Institut National de l'Environnement Industriel et des Risques (INERIS)
 - France – Laboratoire Central des Industries Electriques International (LCIE)
 - Germany – Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)
 - Germany – TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH (TÜV SÜD PS)
 - Hungary – Hungarian Approval Service for Ex-proof Electrical Equipment (BKI)
 - Netherlands – DEKRA Certification B.V. (DEKRA)
 - Norway – NEMKO
 - United Kingdom – SGS BASEEFA Ltd (BASEEFA)
 - United Kingdom – Intertek Testing and Certification Ltd (ITS)
 - United Kingdom – SIRA Certification Service (SIRA)
 - USA – Underwriters Laboratories Inc.(UL)

9.1.2 – Current ExMarkCo Membership

- As noted in [ExMC/763C/DA](#) the following vacancies still exist.

No. of Members	Group represented	No. of Vacancies to be filled
2	ExMarkCo Chair and Secretary	
8	IECEX officers (ExMC, ExTAG, ExPCC)	
3	ExCBs (License issuing, applicant)	
3	Manufacturers	2
3	Regulatory interests	2
3	Users	1

- ExMC Members are requested to consider nominations for the remaining vacant positions.
- Document for Noting: [ExMC/794/CD](#) – Nomination from GB for the appointment of Roger Jones
- Seeking approval for Roger Jones' membership on ExMarkCo

9.1.3 –Guide IECEx 01B

- Guidance on use of the IECEx Logo [IECEx 01B](#)
 - IECEx 01B Provides guidance for all organizations wishing to use the IECEx Logo (e.g. manufacturers), as well as an explanation of the differences between the IECEx Logo and the IECEx Conformity Mark.
 - [IECEx 04A](#) provides guidance for applicants wishing to gain IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses (e.g. manufacturers), as well as guidance on the use of the Marks on products and packaging and other material. It shows the steps and processes required for manufacturers to gain and use an IECEx Conformity Mark License.

9.1.4 – Revisions to IECEx 01B and IECEx 04A

- ExMarkCo will be reviewing IECEx 01B and IECEx 04A to remove redundancies and take into account other possible uses of the IECEx Mark
- Comments have been received noting the reference to the IECEx Mark in the logo guidance document. ExMarkCo will be reviewing documents IECEx 01B and IECEx 04A for possible revision.
- Members and interested WGs are requested to submit any suggestions for revision of IECEx 01B and IECEx 04A to the ExMarkCo.
- Seeking ExMC agreement to proceed with revisions and requests WGs to submit suggested revisions.

9.1.5 – OD 22 Procedures for Issuing

- Procedures for issuing IECEx Mark Licenses, [OD 022](#) and use of the Mark for Unit Verification Certification
- Possible revisions to OD 022
 - Action Item 18 from the Split 2011 ExMC meeting, ExMarkCo to consider extending the issuing of licenses for use of the IECEx Mark to products covered by IECEx Unit Verification
 - Considered at ExMarkCo 6 June 2012 Paris meeting.
 - Obstacles to overcome
 - Unit Verification process does not require ongoing monitoring
 - Possible need for verification of logo on marketing literature
 - Conformity Mark associated with a Unit verification should require the use of a serial number in the same manner as the Unit verification certificate.

9.1.5 – OD 22 Procedures for Issuing (cont.)

- ExMarkCo considered the obstacles mentioned and recommends proceeding provided there would be additional inspection of marketing / publicity documentation. The possibility of a simplified QAR was also discussed.
- Seeking ExMC approval to move forward with the development of Rules for the IECEx Mark to be used on products covered by IECEx Unit Verification provided any issues raised by IEC Central Office Legal are addressed.

9.1.6 – IECEx Mark Increased Exposure

- 9.1.6 Increased Exposure and use of the IECEx Mark on Certificates of Conformity (CoCs)
- In an effort to increase the exposure of the IECEx Mark, the ExMarkCo Members are seeking ExMC approval to explore the possibility of having a link or indication on those CoCs that are linked to an existing Conformity Mark.
- ExMC approval sought for the following two items:
 - The display of the Conformity Mark on a CoC linked to a Conformity mark; and
 - no fee to be charged for the up-issue of a CoC to show the IECEx Mark and the database link.

Agenda Item 9.2 – Notification of Misuse

- 9.2 Notification of misuse of the IECEx Conformity Mark (and IECEx Logo)
 - IECEx Secretariat, ExMarkCo and Executive Committee are overseeing any misuse.
 - At this stage there are no current *significant* matters requiring either ExMC or CAB involvement. Items to note that have been reported:
 - IECEx Equipment Corporation (IEC)
 - Some misuse of the IECEx logo
 - Members are asked to raise matters relating to misuse of the IECEx Conformity mark and inform the Secretariat and ExMarkCo

Agenda Item 9.3 – Other Matters

- 9.3 Other Matters associated with the Mark
 - Inquiry from DEKRA CERTIFICATION B.V.
 - Use of IECEx Logo
 - There was a discussion about the possibility of using the logo on diploma type documents. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that current IECEx 01B does not currently allow.
 - EXPCC WG1 will review the use of the logo related to Personnel Competency and propose any suggestions for possible use and for changes to IECEx 01B to the ExMarkCo.

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 - Surveillance of Mark License System (document for consideration ExMC/687/CD, UK Proposal Action Item 17)
 - At issue was the linkage needed between ExCB issuing the CoC and authorizing the IECEx Mark and a different body conducting the QAR audit
 - UK proposal concerning surveillance of the Mark license system was discussed and is being jointly worked on by WG 5 and ExMarkCo.
 - Members further noted that at WG 5 it was agreed that a draft revision of QAR Form F 001 should be prepared by a WG 5 Task Force and agreed that ExMarkCo should await the outcome of this work.

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- 9.3 Other Matters associated with the Mark
 - Confidentiality agreement –
 - ExMarkCo along with Central Office is drafting a confidentiality agreement for committee members due to the sometimes sensitive nature of the documentation / issues discussed.
 - May be applicable for other committees / WG members

Thank you for your attention

