



IECEX Conformity Mark Committee (ExMarkCo)

IECEX ExMC Meeting 2016 - Agenda Item 9.1

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ExMarkCo – Report from the Chairman

IECEX CONFORMITY MARK COMMITTEE (ExMarkCo)

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9.1.1 Existing Mark Licensing ExCBs

Current ExCB Mark Licensing Bodies – 16 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 – Laboratoires 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 – Presafe
- United Kingdom – SGS BASEEFA Ltd (BASEEFA)
- United Kingdom – Intertek Testing and Certification Ltd (ITS)
- United Kingdom – SIRA Certification Service (SIRA)
- United Kingdom – Certification Management Limited (CML)
- USA – Underwriters Laboratories Inc.(UL)
- Netherlands - KIWA



As at April 2016 there are no new Applicants ExCBs for the IECEx 04 Scheme



Current IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses

- Current IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses @ 30 June 2016 = **32 total** (connected to 229 IECEx Certificates)
- Draft IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses = **9**
- Members to note the Dubai 2014 ExMarkCo decision (refer Item 14 in ExMC/944/R) that *"...the Secretariat will proceed to suspend ExCBs with expired Licence Agreements and advise these ExCBS that all Mark Licences they have issued to manufacturers must be either suspended or cancelled."*



9.1.2 – Current ExMarkCo Membership

Membership: http://www.iecex.com/docs/ExMarkCo_01I_Inf_Members.doc

As noted in ExMC/1153/R, the following vacancies still exist:

# of Members	Group represented	# of Vacancies
2	ExMarkCo. Chair and Secretary	
-	IECEX Executive	
3	ExCBs (License issuing, applicant)	
3	Manufacturers	
3	Regulatory interests	3
3	Users	
1	Service Providers	
1	Training Providers 	1

- ❖ ExMC Members are requested to consider nominations for the other vacant positions.



9.1.3 – Publication of IECEx 01B Edition 3.0

- **Guidance for the use of the IECEx Logo**
 - Members are requested to note the revision of *IECEx 01B, Edition 3.0* as approved by the Northbrook 2016 ExMarkCo meeting.
 - Includes new IECEx logos with the Registration and Trade Mark symbols included.
 - Work ongoing within Central Office on the issue of a single Policy document regarding use of the IEC logos and Trademarks.

9.1.3 – OD 422 Procedures for Issuing

- Members are requested to note the publication of IECEx OD 422 (Edition 1.0) *Rules and Procedures for granting of Licenses to issue and use the IECEx Conformity Mark* as a revision of IECEx OD 022 as approved by the Fortaleza 2013 ExMC meeting.

9.1.4 – Raising Awareness & Interest

- Outstanding Action items
 - Survey by ExCBs of their customers concerning use of the IECEx Mark
 - Follow up on a contact from the EU Commission, re R Sinclair
 - Suggestions that WG13 work with the Secretary to prepare a welcome pack for new bodies and members into IECEx and that WG13's ToR includes Marketing
- Stakeholder Participation/Membership
 - Noting the open positions on ExMarkCo, the desire for broader stakeholder involvement and noting the requirements of Clause 5.1 of the new HBR and agreed that ExMC should address this as a separate issue.

Recommendation to ExMC:

While noting the current level of industry and stakeholder participation in IECEx, ExMarkCo recommends that ExMC consider ways to assist in increasing the current level especially in line with the requirement in the Harmonised Basic Rules Clause 5.1.

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- Limited use of ExMark – topics discussed
 - That ExCBs should survey their clients to understand why or why not the Mark is used or not?
 - Question as to whether or not the Mark should be mandatory when a manufacturer applies for a CoC?
 - Question as to whether or not ALL ExCBs should be part of the IECEx Mark Licensing system?
 - Does the requirement in IEC 60079-0 that the Certificate number, if issued, forms part of the marking requirements hence serves as somewhat a competing mark?
 - Should a reference to the IECEx Mark should be included in the revision of the UNECE CROs

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- Limited use of ExMark – topics discussed (continued)
- Recommend the development of a survey – ExCBs to send to ExMark customers.
 - Will be reaching out the ExCBs for input – some suggested questions
 - What do you as the holder of the Mark Certificate see as the benefits of the Mark versus the Logo?
 - What is the value to you as a user?
 - Do your customers see value in the IECEx Mark?
 - Do regulators know of the IECEx Mark?
 - What can the IECEx do to help raise awareness of the IECEx Mark?
 - Question for the participating ExCBs – How do you promote the existence or availability of the IECEx Mark?
 - Question for the non-participant ExCBs – Why have you not signed up for the IECEx Mark Licensing?
 - Question for Should the Mark continue?

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■ Other suggested actions

- Develop marketing materials directed to regulators for circulation through the Member Bodies
- Altering online certificate system
 - Identify when the Mark is authorized
 - Include link on page 2 of certificate
- Rethink on where Mark can be used
- Possible communication with existing certificate holders
- Possible article in trade journals
- Targeted brochures
- Are there ExCB marketing materials that could be shared?

9.1.4 – Raising Awareness & Interest

■ ACTIONS

- The Chairman to include in his reporting to ExMC a request for some discussion on the issue of low take up of the IECEx Conformity Mark, with the Secretary to include an agenda topic on the ExMC Agenda

- Secretariat to prepare a survey document based on the above and any further input from ExMarkCo for the ExCBs to issue to their clients.



Agenda Item 9.2 – Notification of Misuse

9.2 Notification of misuse of the IECEx Conformity Mark and IECEx Logo

- IEC Central Office progressing legal process with USA based organization allegedly misusing IEC intellectual property
- At this stage there are no other current *significant* matters requiring either ExMC or CAB involvement.
- ❖ 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

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1. Members to note the Actions in ExMC/1153R

❖ Members are invited to raise any other matters relating to the IECEx Conformity Mark



Thank you for your attention

