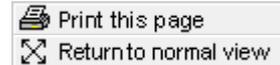




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Systems upgrade for IECEx online certificates

Anywhere you find potentially flammable or combustible atmospheres, you should find special equipment certified by the [IECEX](#), the global certification system for explosion-protected products. The IECEx has just upgraded its system for delivering certificates of conformity online to make its certification process easier.

Uwe Klausmeyer of PTB test lab in Germany, and IECEx Chairman, commented: "Because IECEx is a system that is developed and managed by the industry it sets out to serve, we are very excited about these improvements. It is a state of the art system for the Ex industry that provides immediate confirmation of products covered by IECEx certification, that provides an international 'buyers guide' for engineers seeking to purchase IECEx certified equipment, and that allows for instant checking of certification status by regulators and Ex installation owners, such as petrochemical plants."



IECEX is the IEC system for certification to standards for equipment used in explosive atmospheres

IECEX certification provides independent verification of compliance with IEC International Standards such as IEC 60079, IEC 61241 and IEC 61779 series. The industries that benefit are petrochemical, on- and offshore installations, mining, surface coating, transportation (including aviation), grain handling and food processing, among others.

IECEX online certificates first became available in 2003 and this upgrade represents a major expansion of the previous version. This includes:

- Full public access to issued IECEx Certificates of Conformity from any computer with internet access;
- Full key word search capability;
- A complete download of the system into an Excel spreadsheet for off-line access to assist when carrying out inspections of installations in remote areas;
- An incorporated linked database system between various issues for historical traceability of past issues of a certificate;
- Print and download capabilities, noting that the electronic online version remains the master controlled version, for reference;
- Expansion to introduce the new IECEx Certified Service Facility Programme covering Certification of Ex repair and overhaul facilities that meet [IEC 60079-19](#).

IECEX Secretary Chris Agius said: "There's no need to buy or maintain complex software programs because it's all available online. In short, if it's not on the internet, the certificate has not been issued."

A user's guide for the new system is available free of charge from the IECEx website.

The IECEx Scheme provides a single global system structured such that all IECEx certification bodies have been successfully assessed by an assessment team using the peer assessment model to ensure they have the technical competence, facilities and systems to carry out certification as expected by the scheme.

For further information, visit the IECEx website at www.iecex.com or contact the IECEx Secretariat, [Mr. Chris Agius](#).

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