



A Global Approach for the Ex Field - IECEx

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Introduction to IECEx



What is Ex??

Why have IECEx??

Management of IECEx

IECEx Financing

Immediate Challenges

What is the future??



Ex Equipment - Where ???



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- Ex equipment is frequently found in these locations:
 - Automotive refuelling stations or petrol stations
 - Oil refineries, rigs and processing plants
 - Chemical processing plants
 - Printing industries, paper and textiles
 - Hospital operating theatres
 - Aircraft refuelling and hangars
 - Surface coating industries
 - Oil and gas tankers, drilling ship and FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Off-Loading Vessels)

- Underground coal mines
- Sewerage treatment plants
- Gas pipelines and distribution centres
- Grain handling and storage
- Woodworking areas
- Sugar refineries
- Metal surface grinding, especially aluminium dusts and particles.



Ex Equipment - Where ???

















Fundamental Disciplines of Ex

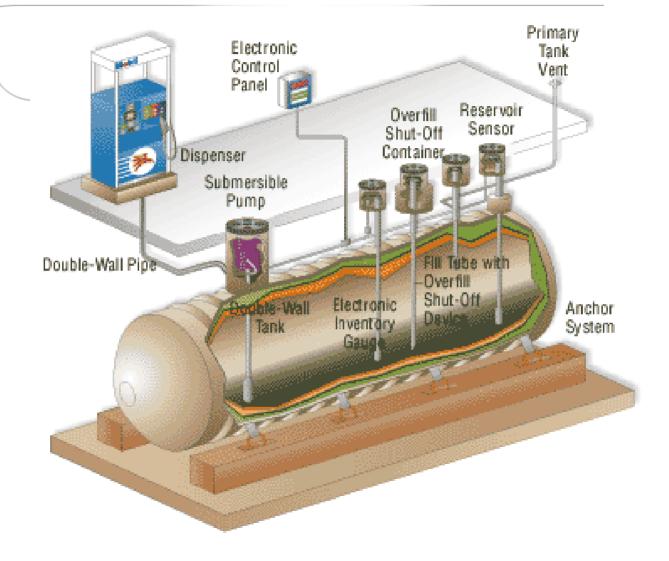


- Area Classification
- Equipment Conformance
- Installation Conformance
- Maintenance, Repair + Overhaul

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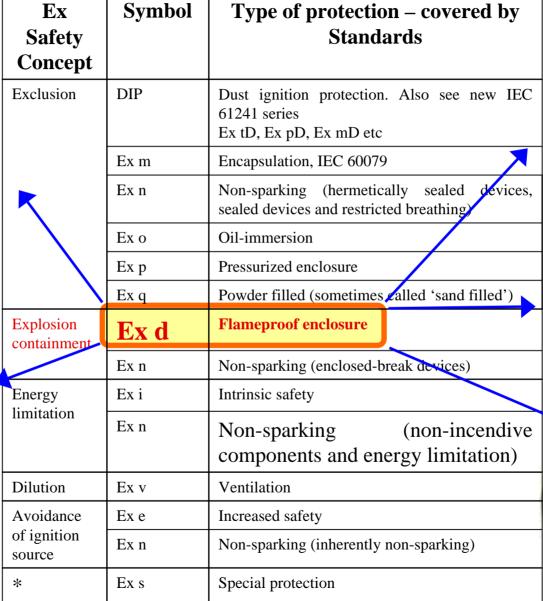
Equipment Conformance - Ex Design

Ex Safety Concept	Symbol	Type of protection – covered by <u>Standards</u>
Exclusion	DIP	Dust ignition protection. Also see new IEC 61241 series Ex tD, Ex pD, Ex mD etc
	Ex m	Encapsulation, IEC 60079 -18
	Ex n	Non-sparking (hermetically sealed devices, sealed devices and restricted breathing)
	Ex o	Oil-immersion
	Ex p	Pressurized enclosure
	Ex q	Powder filled (sometimes called 'sand filled')
Explosion	Ex d	Flameproof enclosure
Explosion containment	Ex d Ex n	Flameproof enclosure Non-sparking (enclosed-break devices)
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containment	Ex n	Non-sparking (enclosed-break devices)
containment Energy	Ex n Ex i	Non-sparking (enclosed-break devices) Intrinsic safety, Ex ia + ib Non-sparking (non-incendive components and energy
containment Energy Iimitation	Ex n Ex i Ex n	Non-sparking (enclosed-break devices) Intrinsic safety, Ex ia + ib Non-sparking (non-incendive components and energy limitation)
Containment Energy Iimitation Dilution	Ex n Ex i Ex n	Non-sparking (enclosed-break devices) Intrinsic safety, Ex ia + ib Non-sparking (non-incendive components and energy limitation) Ventilation



Concept Standards - Gases/Vapours















What is IECEx?



The IEC Scheme covering Certification to Standards that relate to Apparatus for Explosive Atmospheres, to provide an Internationally accepted means of demonstrating claimed compliance with IEC Standards





International Electrotechnical Commission Form in 1906, Mission = International Standardisation in the Electrotechnology fields

IECEE – CB and FCS Scheme www.cbscheme.org

IECQ – Components www.iecq.org

IECEx- Explosive Atmospheres www.iecex.com

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Online IECEx certificates



- Certificates are created by the ExCB "Live" on the IECEx Website via a secure area
- ExCBs can only issue IECEx Certificates to Standards they have permission for, i.e. within their scope of acceptance
- Complete certificate for public view and download.
- Search capabilities act as a "buyers guide of Ex products".
- Available anywhere there is access to the Internet.
- www.iecex.com



History of IECEX



- ▶ 1992 Questionnaire to IEC National Committees
- ▶ 1996 First meeting of the IECEx Management Committee (ExCC)
- ▶ 1997 1999 First round of Peer assessments, development of operational rules and forms
- ▶ 1999 Commence mutual acceptance of IECEx Test Reports (ExTRs), to fast-track national certification
- 2003 IECEx internet based "On-Line" Certificates made available
- 2004 Decision to expand Scope of IECEx operation to include Services



IECEx Scheme - Services



IECEx Scheme
Basic Rules IECEx 01

Rules IECEx 02

IECEx Certified Service Facilities
Rules IECEx 03 (in draft)

Other Future Service Offerings



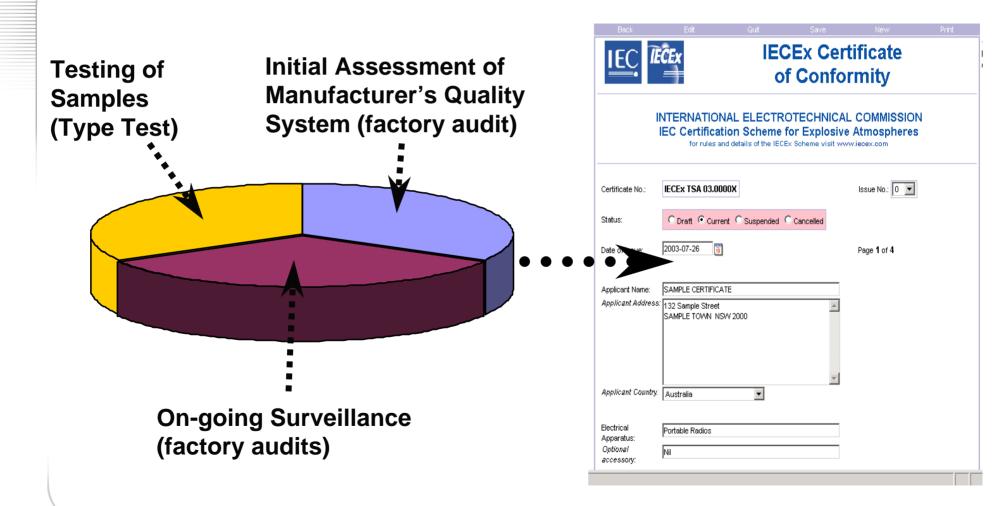


IECEx Certified Equipment Rules IECEx 02





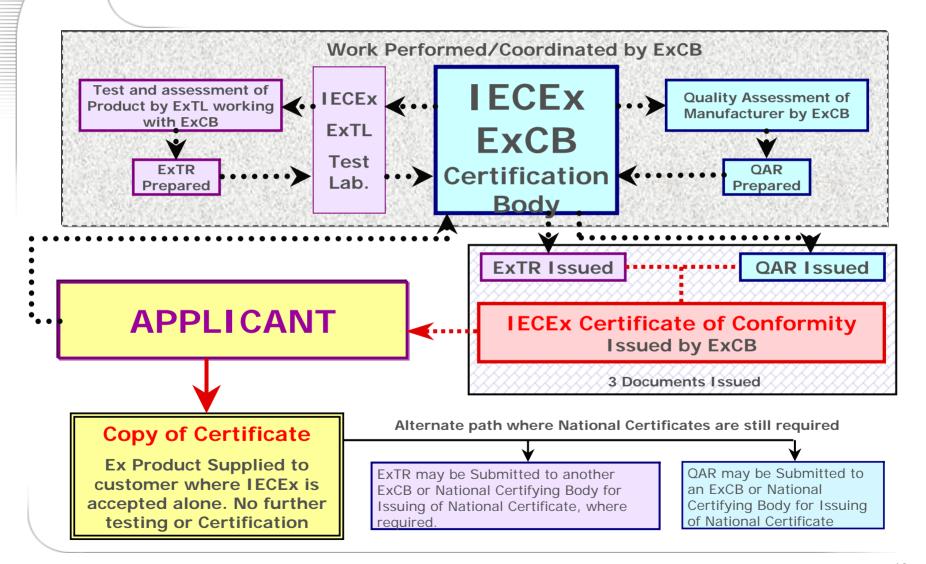
Core Elements of IECEX Equipment Certification





Overview + Flexability of IECEx







IECEx Scheme Documentation Hierarchy



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IECEx Basic Rules

IECEx 01
Basic Rules

IECEx 02
Rules of Procedure –
Ex Equipment Certification

(Procedural Rules)

IECEx Equipment Certification Procedure

Rules of Procedure

"How to" Manual

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

OD 009 – Operations Manual (The How to Manual.....)

Procedures

SUPPORTINING OPERATIONAL + TECH. Docs.

OD 010 – Issue+Acceptance of ExTRs ExMC/161/CD - IECEx audits of manufacturers ExTAG Decision Sheets + OD 012 – GUM

Forms

STANDARDISED FORMS, examples:

ExTR Blanks, QAR Forms, Single "On-Line" Certificate Format



IECEx Operational Documents



OD001	IECEx Membership, ExCBs, ExTLs and Applicant bodies
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OD003 <u>ExMC/100/CD</u> – IECEx Assessment Procedures for the assessment and surveillance of ExCBs and ExTLs

OD005 <u>IECEx Quality System Requirements for Manufacturers</u>

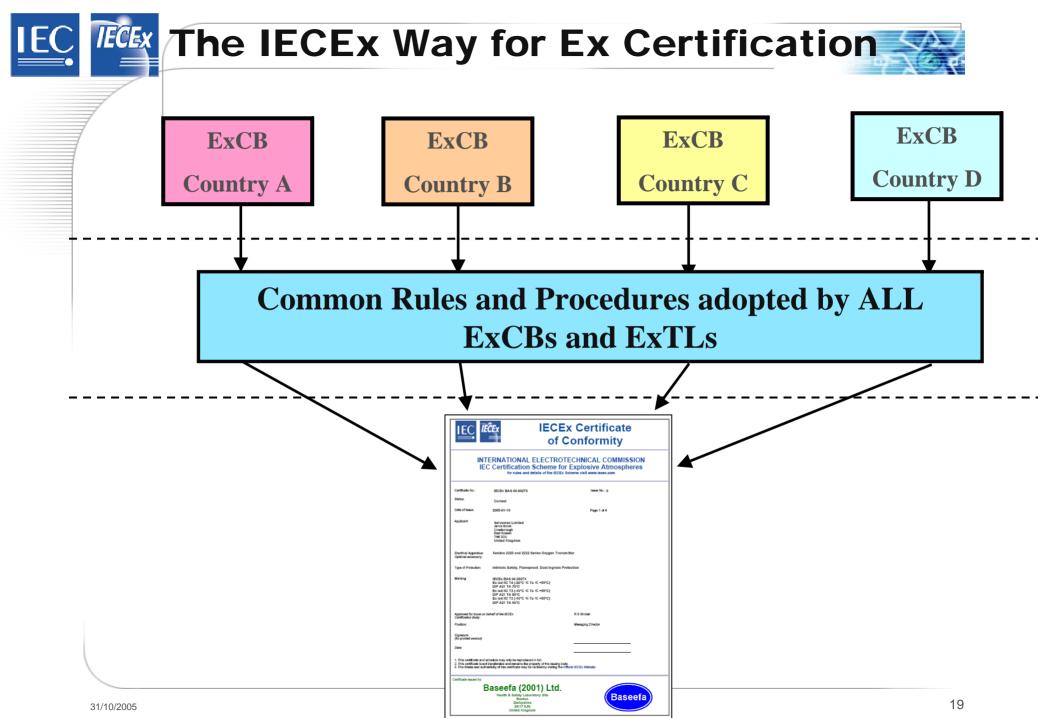
OD006 IECEx Site Assessment Report for ass. of ExCBs, ExTLs

OD007 IECEX ExCB Assessment Checklist for ISO/IEC Guide 65

OD008 Exchange of information between ExNB and IECEx

OD009 <u>IECEx Operations Manual</u>

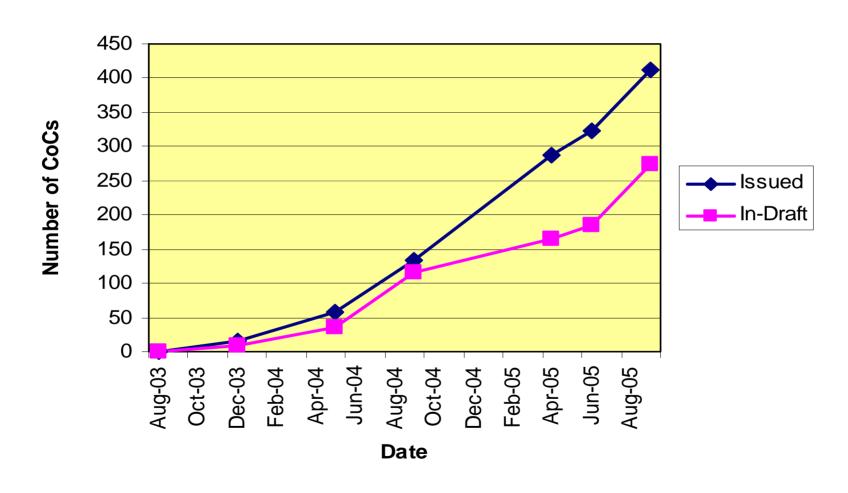
OD010 Guidance for the Preparation of IECEx Test Reports (ExTRs) by IECEx Certification Bodies (ExTRs) and the Processing of ExTRs by Receiving ExCBs





No. of IECEx Equipment Certificates

IECEx Certificates - Issued + In-Draft, Sep 05





Tour of the IECEx Website

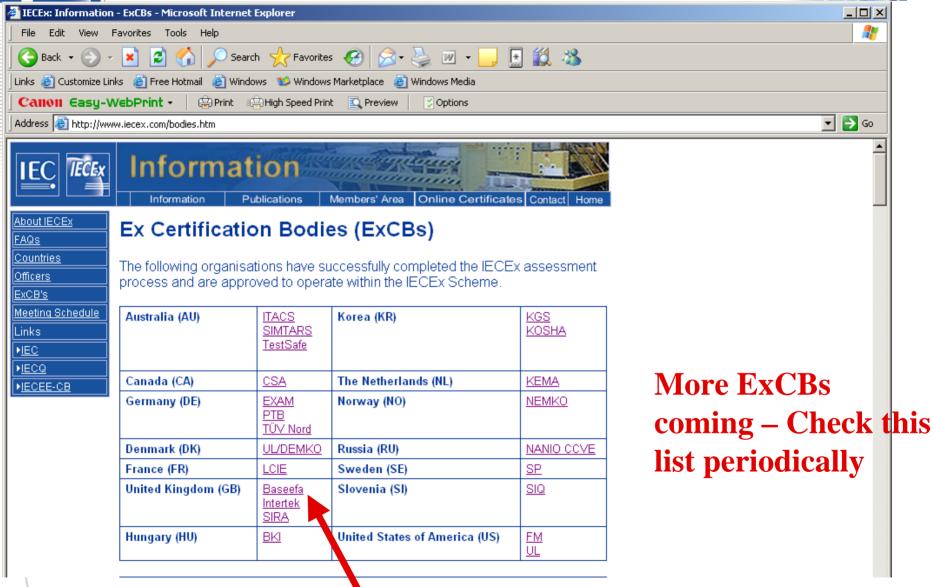


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- List of Approved IECEx Certification Bodies
- Publications
- Members Area: Committee Documents, Directory etc
- On-Line Certificate System
 - View Original Certificates
 - Search capabilities
 - Certificate Status



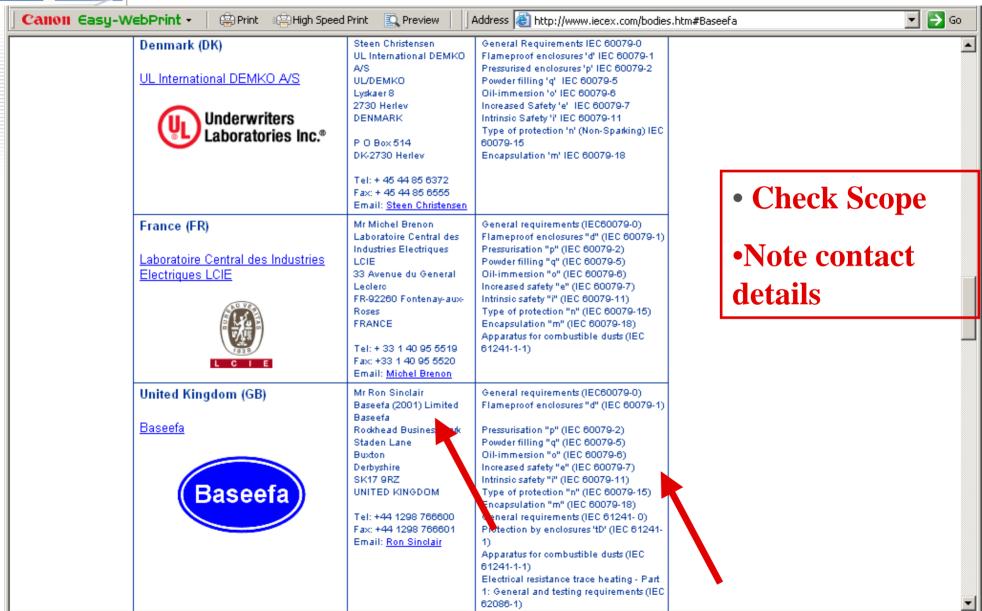
IECEx Bodies as at 10 March 05





List of ExCBs







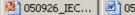












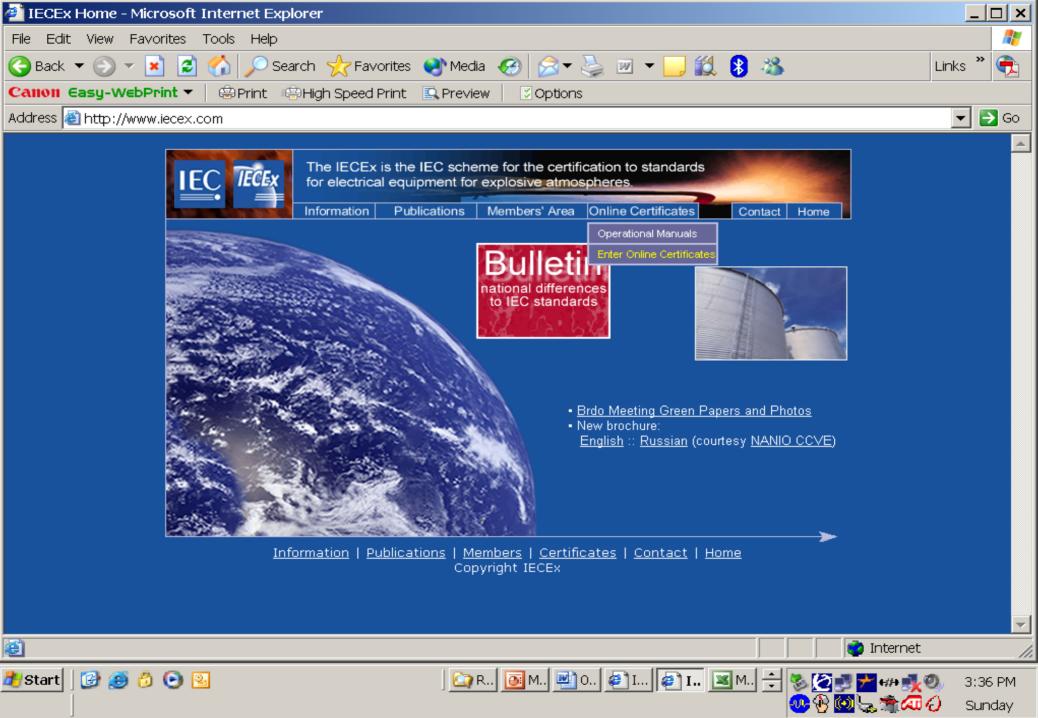


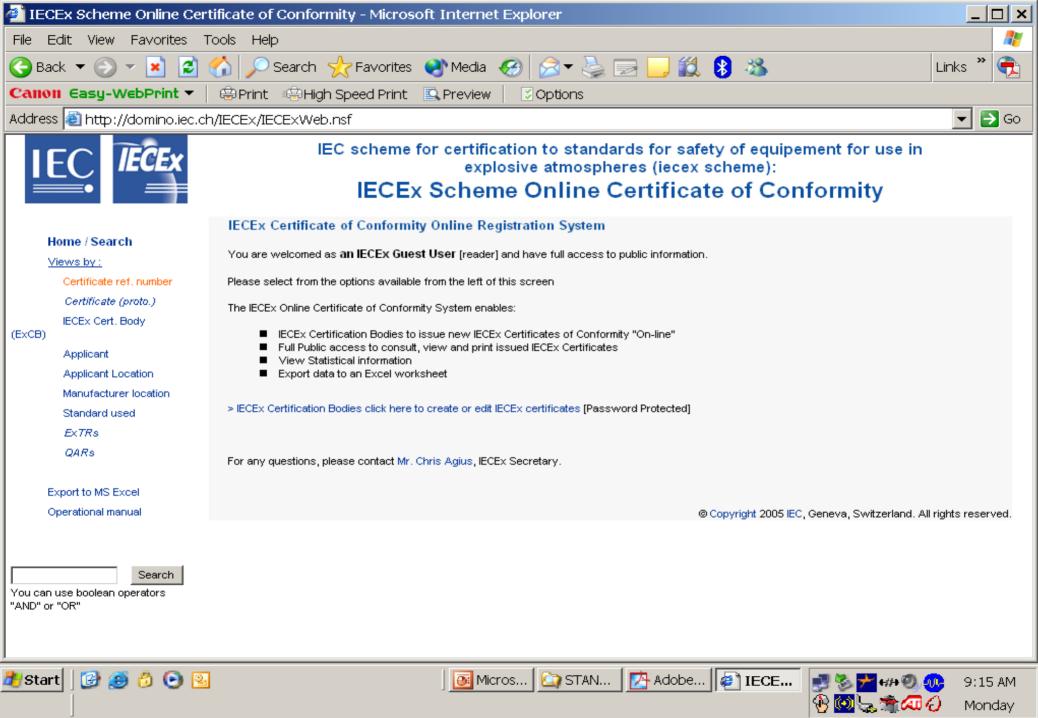


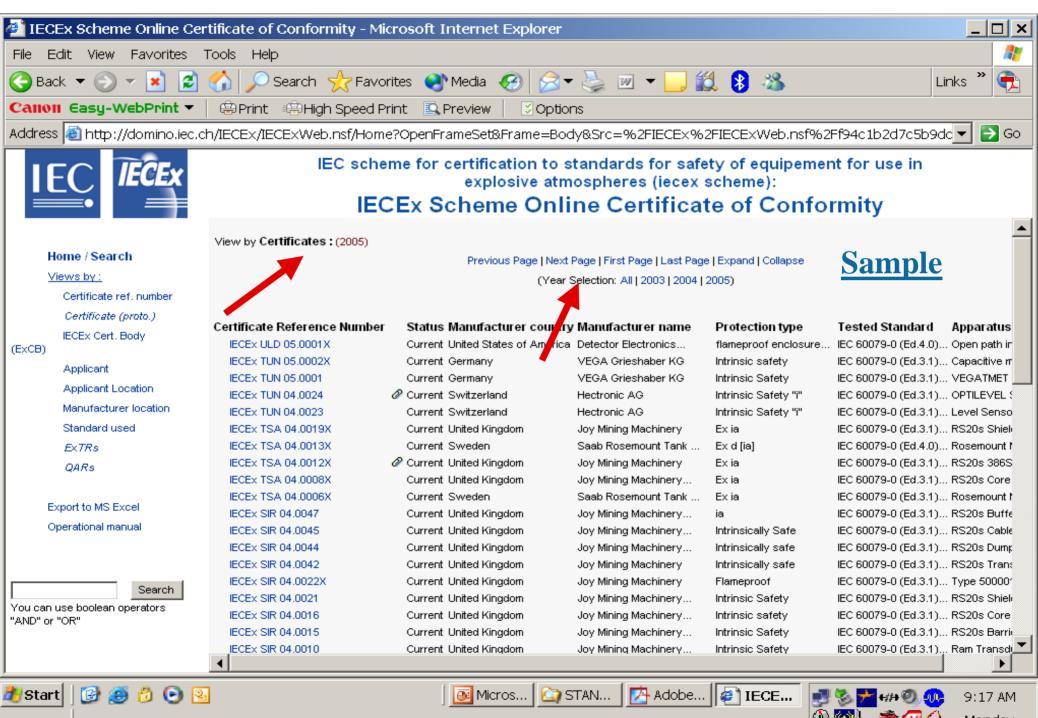


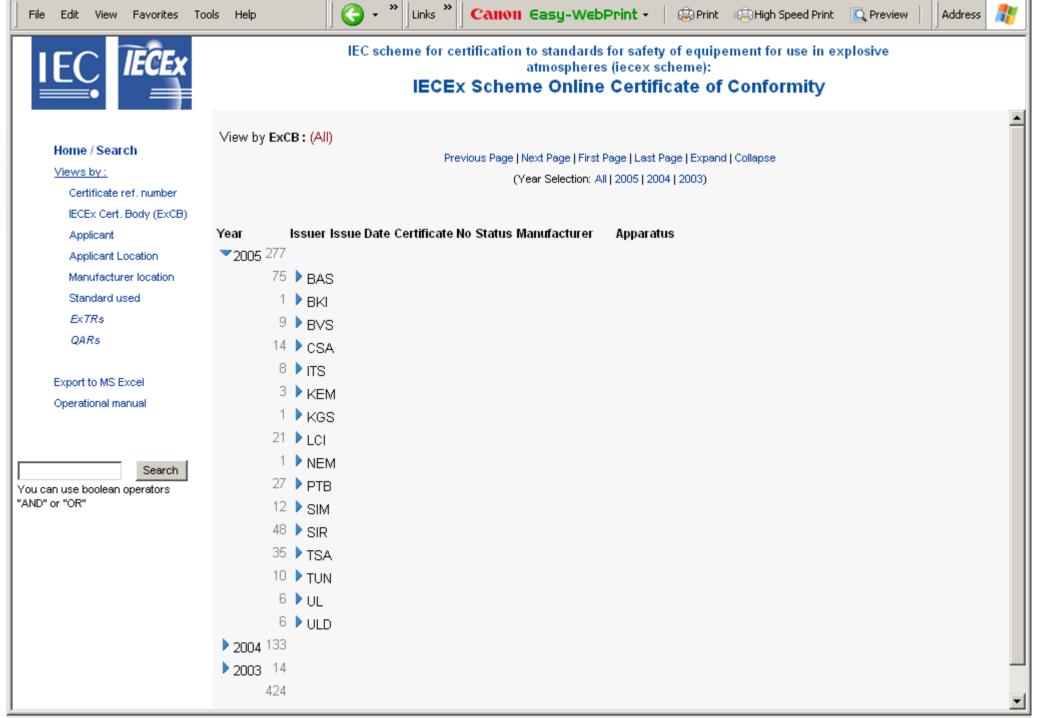














IECEx Management



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IEC Conformity Assessment Board

IECEx Management Committee (ExMC)

IECEx Executive
(IECEx Officers)

and Assessment Group
(ExTAG)



IECEx Finances



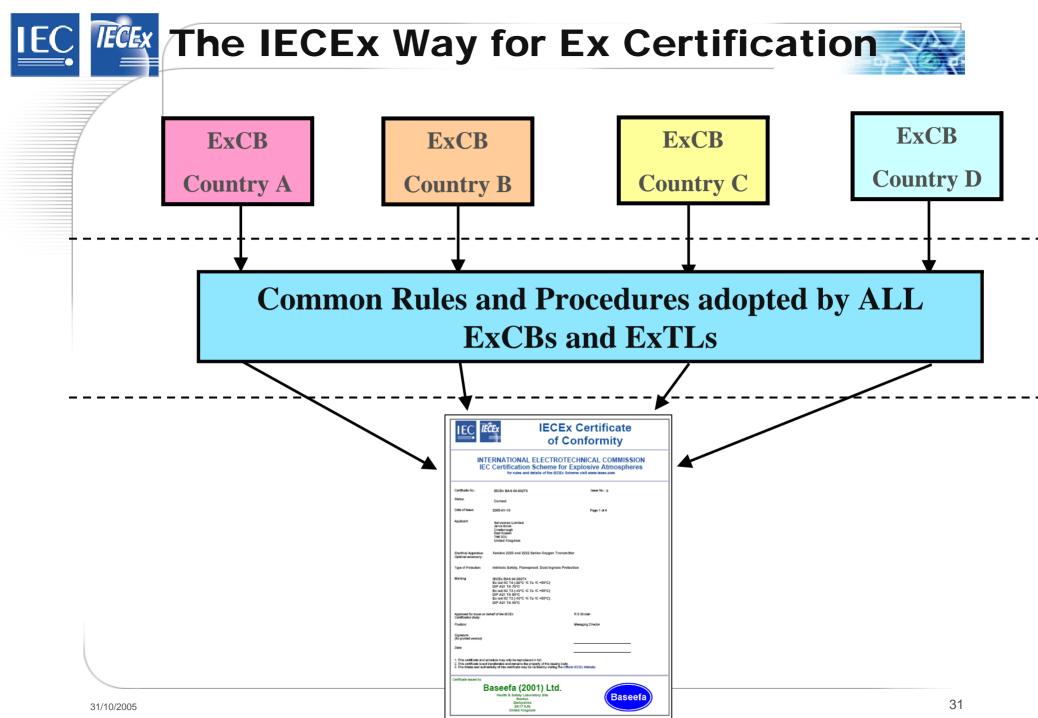
- Self Funded to cover costs
- Operates on a cost recovery basis, not set out to generate profits
- IECEx Management appoint an IECEx Treasurer to oversee ALL matters of Finance for the Scheme
- IECEx accounts are subject to Swiss Law regarding reporting and annual auditing
- ▶ IECEx is in a sound financial position.
- Significant points
 - Shrinking of Voluntary resources Major Scheme Issue
 - IECEx intends to replace reliance on annual dues with User Pay
 - Scheme Integrity and growth require resourcing
 - ▶ Published Schedule of Fees





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Why Should I be confident when purchasing Ex products covered by an IECEx Certificate of Conformity?





IECEx Acceptance of ExCB + ExTL

- All Test Laboratories and Certification bodies are assessed
- Peer Assessment Foundation
- Assessment to
 - ▶ ISO/IEC 17025 (Assessment of Test Laboratories)
 - ▶ IECEx Rules, IECEx 02
 - ▶ IECEx TGDs (Technical Guidance Documents)
 - ▶ IEC/ISO Guide 65 (Assessment of Certification Bodies)
- Implementation of IECEx Rules, Operational Procedures and decisions
- ExCB Ability to audit Ex Quality Management Systems
- Reports prepared
 - ▶ Sites Assessment, TGD, 17025, Guide 65
 - ▶ Only Compliant Reports issued for voting on new bodies



IEC Summary of IECEx Assessment Records

Retained by **IECE**x Secretariat

Original Application Information + Forms

Completed TGDs + Check Lists

Site **Assessment** Audit Plan, Reports + Notes, eg Follow Up **Actions**

Surveillance Schedule and **Information**

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Available to **IECEx** Member **Bodies**

Summary Voting Report Available to **ALL IECEX** Member **Bodies**

Surveillance information and reporting by IECEx **Secretariat**



Surveillance of ExCBs and ExTLs



- Where National accreditation found to comply with IECEx requirements
 - 6 monthly check by Secretariat on status and scope of National accreditation
 - Internal auditing by ExCB and ExTL
 - Notification of any changes, eg re-location, ownership, loss of key personnel etc
 - ▶ 5 Year re-assessments
- Where Body does not have acceptable national accreditation
 - Annual surveillance visits by an IECEx Assessor
 - Notification of any change eg re-location, ownership, loss of key personnel etc
 - ▶ 5 Year re-assessments
 - Where ExTL has national accred. But ExCB does not annual surveillance shall be conducted



Surveillance of the IECEx System



- Dedicated Technical Secretariat with the role of Scheme CEO
- Secretariat reports to IECEx Chairman and Officers between meetings and to full IECEx Management Committee (ALL Member Countries) at Annual meetings
- IECEx Constitution rules require the full Management Committee (ALL Member Countries) to meet at least annual
- Annual meetings of Technical Committee, ExTAG
- Constant monitoring of the Scheme, including industry inquiries by the IECEx Secretariat and Officers.
- IECEx Chairman and Secretariat report TWICE per year to the IEC Conformity Assessment Board (12 Member IEC Board) at meetings in June and October
- Any IECEx Member Country may request a change or improvement.





IECEx Continual strive to be the Global Centre of Excellence in the Ex Field