

**INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION****CONFORMITY ASSESSMENTBOARD (CAB)****SUBJECT****AGENDA ITEM FIRENZE 6.5**

Sales policy of IEC schemes for scheme publications

BACKGROUND**Extract CAB/300/RM : Report on the meeting held in Geneva, 2001-06-13**

The CAB discussed the schemes' current policies for the sale of the Basic Rules and Rules of Procedure as detailed in CAB/267A/RM, item VI.4.3.

The members for Germany and Sweden considered that the BR and RoP should follow the same policy as the IEC Statutes and Directives of being free of charge and available electronically.

Mr Gryn supported free availability of BR but said that policy on operational documents such as the CB Bulletin was a matter for each scheme to determine.

Mr Kitzantides agreed and said that since many NCs and NCBs currently sell the BR and RoP and the CB Bulletin, he would wish to consult IECEE members before taking any decision on free availability.

The possibility of sales through the IEC Webstore was also noted.

CAB Decision 02/2001

The CAB agreed on the desirability of a common policy on the sale of Basic Rules and Rules of Procedure that would be consistent with the policy of the IEC with regard to the IEC Statutes and Directives for technical work.

The CAB agreed that a discussion paper on sales policy for all scheme publications should be prepared for discussion in Firenze.

ACTION

The CAB is invited to discuss the sales policy principles as indicated below

IECEE – Extract IECEE report CAB/306/R: Meeting held in Geneva, 2001-09-13/14

The CMC re-confirmed its present policy that the following IECEE Publications are made available for sale outside the IECEE community:

- CB Bulletins
- Test Report Forms
- Operational Documents

The average revenue of this sale is 25.000 CHF per year.

The CMC also confirmed that the Basic Rules IECEE 01 and the Rules of Procedure IECEE 02 and IECEE 03 shall be made available for free and to post these Publications on the IECEE Web Site.

IECQ

Here is a list of all the IECQ Publications that are progressively becoming available for download, each with a short description.

QC 001001

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Basic Rules
Defines the main principles of the System.

QC 001002

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Rules of Procedure
Part1: Administration
Describes the main working procedures for administrative matters at both international and national levels.

QC 001002-2

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Rules of Procedure
Part 2: Documentation
Deals with standards and specifications, certificates of approval and attestation of conformity, Process Assessment Schedules and Technology Approval Schedules.

QC 001002-3

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Rules of Procedure
Part 3: Approval procedures
Deals with Supervising Inspectorate approval, organization (for example manufacturer and independent testing laboratory) approval, Qualification Approval, Capability Approval, Specialist contractors' approval and Technology Approval.

QC 001003

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Guidance Documents
Deals with description of technological areas, blank detail specifications, equivalence with non-IECQ specifications, and the IECQ logo.

QC 001004

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Specifications List

List of all specifications (QC and PQC) available for use in the IECQ, including IEC standards not yet published, provisional specifications and detail specifications. Also contains ordering information.
Continuously up-dated (latest up-date : 30 June, 2001).

QC 001005

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Register of Firms, Products and Services approved under the IECQ
System, including ISO 9000

Lists components, manufacturers, distributors and specialist
contractors, approved by the IECQ, as well as accredited independent
testing laboratories.

Up-dated quarterly (latest up-date : 30 June, 2000).

QC 001006

IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ)-
Register of Participating Countries
Continuously up-dated.

QC 200000 (1996) Process Assessment Schedules for requirements under the IECQ for approval of specialist contractors' processes and/or products within the electronic components industry.

QC 210000 (1995) Technology Approval Schedules. Requirements under the IECQ.

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

IEC SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS FOR SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEX SCHEME)

Ex Management Committee, ExMC

Draft – IECEX Policy on sale of IECEX Publications, including Scheme rules and IECEX Bulletin

Introduction

During the May 2000 meeting of the IEC Conformity Assessment Board, the CAB called for all IEC Schemes to develop a policy regarding the distribution and sale of public documents to the industry and community.

This draft proposes an IECEX policy and is issued to ExMC for consideration during the September 2000 Braunschweig meeting.

Draft Policy

IECEX Scheme publications shall be available to industries in all countries, including countries that are not members of IECEX, as follows:

- 1. Promotional and Marketing Publications** Free of charge to industry, usually in electronic format, from the IECEX Website.
- 2. IECEX Scheme Rules (IECEX 01 and 02)** Available for purchase from the IEC Central Office Webstore at the cost of 50% of the normal price assigned to similar IEC TC 31 standards. While both paper copy and electronic formats are currently available, electronic format is the preferred version.
- 3. IECEX Bulletin** The IECEX Bulletin is regarded as a technical publication, similar to IEC Technical Standards and shall be available for purchase from the IEC Central Office Webstore at the Full cost of price code assigned to other IEC publications, of comparable size. Copies of the IECEX Bulletin shall be made available to members of ExMC and ExTAG, free of charge. Only electronic format shall be available.
- 4. Operational Documents** Operational documents, including Technical Guidance Documents and IECEX documents commencing with “OD...” Shall only be made available to members of ExMC and ExTAG. This shall be free of charge and in electronic form.
- 5. Standard Assessment and Test Report forms (ATRs)** Blank ATRs and similar publications, shall be available for purchase from the IEC Central Office Webstore, by industry, at 50% of the normal price code assigned to a similar IEC TC 31 Standard, for the same number of pages. These shall be available in electronic format only. However blank Report Forms shall be made available, free of charge, to members of ExMC and ExTAG.

The IECEX Chairman, Secretariat, and Officers are authorised to provide copies of any of IECEX publications, free of charge on an individual basis, in the interest of promoting the scheme.