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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

SUBJECT

AGENDA ITEM FIRENZE 3

Conditions for bodies and organizations domiciled in IEC associate member countries and in non-member countries to become members of the IEC conformity assessment schemes

BACKGROUND

Further to submission of document CAB/302/INF with revised text as agreed by the CAB following the discussion at the June meeting, to the Council Board, the CB took the following decision by correspondence.

CB DECISION 2001/023

The CB approved the proposal regarding opening up of the IEC Conformity Assessment Schemes to non-IEC member countries, as revised by the Conofrmity Assessment Board (CAB).

Reference documents: CAB/274/INF, CAB/298/INF, CAB/298/INF, CAB/302/INF.

ACTION

The CAB is invited to note the final approved text for procedure on applications from non-IEC members for admission to the IEC schemes.

CONDITIONS FOR BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS DOMICILED IN IEC ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE IEC CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SCHEMES

0 FOREWORD

Bodies and Organizations domiciled in IEC **Associate Member countries** and in non-Member countries shall fully satisfy all the conditions specified herein:

1 CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED

1.1 USE OF IEC STANDARDS TO GRANT “NATIONAL MARKS”(where applicable)

This requires that test and assessment work carried out under the IEC Scheme(s), where applicable, would be recognized by the national certification body(ies) as the basis for national certification or approval.

1.2 WELL-ESTABLISHED BODY RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL LEVEL BY THE AUTHORITIES AND THE MARKET

This requires the existence in such countries outside IEC Member countries and in IEC **Associate Member** countries of a Body(ies) which operate(s) a recognized national certification or approval scheme recognized by the authorities and the market or, in the case of the IECQ, be willing to use an existing body in an IECQ Member country.

1.3 IEC MEMBERSHIP

The IEC General Secretary shall be informed by the scheme secretaries of all applications (or intended applications, where known by the secretary of the relevant scheme) from non-IEC members in order that the IEC ExCo may take a decision in principle as to their acceptability in terms of general IEC policy, after receiving the General Secretary's view on this. The ExCo decision shall be conveyed to the relevant scheme.

Countries suspended from the IEC may not be admitted to the IEC schemes for a period of 3 years.

The applicant Organization(s) and Body(ies) shall provide the following information in accordance with section 3 below:

- ◆ reasons for the application for membership;
- ◆ timetable for joining the Scheme(s) and description of the structure in the country related to Member Body, certification body(ies), testing laboratory(ies) as well as responsibility for standards;
- ◆ existence of mandatory and/or voluntary certification schemes;
- ◆ National Differences from IEC standards and existence of conflicting standards including Regulatory requirements, if any (where applicable)
- ◆ plans for participation in IEC standardization work

2 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 Applicable to IECEE and IECEx Schemes - MEMBER BODY, NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODY AND TESTING LABORATORY

The application for Member Body, *National Certification Body(ies), and Testing Laboratory(ies) shall be made according to the Rules of Procedure of the relevant

Scheme(s), and implies full commitment by the National Certification Body(ies) to recognize test and assessment work carried out by any Member of the Scheme for the purpose of granting the “National Mark” or other means of national recognition.

Testing and assessment work carried out by a *National Certification Body(ies) and its (their) Testing Laboratory(ies) shall be accepted within the Scheme(s), for the IEC or IEC-based standard(s) falling within their accepted scope. Such Body(ies) shall comply with all the Rules of Procedure of the relevant Scheme(s).

**Note: The IECEX Scheme refers to “Accepted Certification Bodies”*

Participation in the following with full rights is permitted:

- ◆ Scheme’s Certification Management Committee;
- ◆ Scheme’s Committee of Testing Laboratories.

Participation in sharing the Budget(s) of the Scheme(s) is required for

- ◆ “Annual Dues” approved by the Scheme’s Certification Management Committee,
- ◆ Test Report Forms sharing costs, and
- ◆ Other sharing of costs as approved by the Scheme’s Certification Management Committee.

The above mentioned Body(ies) will also be entitled to full access the Scheme’s Web Sites.

2.2 Applicable to IECQ - MEMBER BODY AND SUPERVISING INSPECTORATE(S) -

The application for Member Body and Supervising Inspectorate(s) shall be made according to the Rules of Procedure of the IECQ and implies full commitment by the National Certification Body(ies), designated by the Supervising Inspectorate(s), to recognize test and assessment work carried out by any Member of the IECQ for the purpose of granting IECQ approval.

Participation in the following with full rights is permitted:

- ◆ IECQ’s Certification Management Committee;
- ◆ IECQ’s Inspectorate Co-ordination Committee

Participation in sharing the Budget of the IECQ is required for

- ◆ “Annual Dues” approved by the IECQ’s Certification Management Committee,
- ◆ Other sharing of costs as approved by the IECQ’s Certification Management Committee.

The above mentioned Body(ies) will also be entitled to full access the IECQ Web Site.

3. PROCESSING OF APPLICATION

The complete application(s) according to the Rules of Procedure of the relevant Scheme(s) fulfilling all of the requirements specified herein, within a reasonable time frame, shall be submitted to the relevant Scheme’s Certification Management Committee for consideration. The decision of the Scheme’s Certification Management Committee will be notified to the Applicant Organization(s) and Applicant Member Body(ies), and to the IEC Conformity Assessment Board.