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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)
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Meeting 16, Seoul, 2004-10-19

SUBJECT

Agenda item 3

Report on follow-up of decisions taken and items raised at the last CAB meeting (2004-06)

ACTION

This is for information.

CAB AGENDA ITEM / DECISION (ref. CAB/486A/RM)	ACTION, FOLLOW-UP
<p>5.1 IEC Mark of conformity Decision 15/4 — <i>IEC Mark of conformity</i> Having considered the information contained in CAB/464/DV including the preliminary legal opinions, and further advice from WG 7, the CAB is of the view that there is a market demand in some sectors for a generic IEC mark of conformity available for use by the IEC Schemes. While there remain problems to be resolved before a mark can be finally approved and introduced, there are no insuperable barriers which would prevent continuing development of a mark. The CAB therefore recommends to the Council Board, in accordance with the IEC Masterplan 2000, that it should authorize management to proceed with development of a mark. In doing this, management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should be guided by CAB/464/DV, and its Annex 3 (<i>Blueprint</i>) in particular, • will need to seek further legal opinion as necessary, • should determine the availability and cost of adequate liability insurance cover and cost for registering and administering a mark, and • will make use of advice from the CAB and its WG 7 at appropriate stages. <p>Further, the CAB requests WG 7 to continue its work on design of the mark and the regulations for its licensing and application, in line with the Blueprint contained in CAB/464/DV, and to cooperate with management to expedite the finalization of the necessary documentation.</p>	<p>CAB Decision 15/4 was reported to the CB at its meeting held on 10 June 2004 and the CB resolved:</p> <p>“ Noting that the need to investigate an IEC mark had been identified in Masterplan 2000, the CB approved the recommendation from CAB to authorise management to proceed, in conjunction with the CAB and WG 7, with the development of a generic IEC mark for use by the IEC conformity assessment schemes, bearing in mind that the risk and liability issues raised in the preliminary legal opinions have to be resolved. The final proposal for the mark, including the results of consultations with insurers and additional legal advice, will be submitted to the CB for endorsement before submission to Council for approval. ”</p> <p>WG 7 has continued with its development of rules for the granting of the mark etc. The current drafts are submitted to the CAB for information as CAB/494/INF. Legal and insurers’ advice is being sought on the basis of the new drafts. The report will be considered under Agenda Item 6.1.</p>
<p>5.2 Interpretation of standards Decision 15/5 — <i>CAB-SMB ad hoc group on “Interpretation of standards”</i> With the small changes given below, the CAB approves the recommendations of the ad hoc group on Interpretation of standards for implementation for a trial period of two years; they should be monitored for operational effectiveness. The word “further” should be inserted in the final sentence of the second paragraph of 7.3. The phrase “within two months” should be understood as meaning that the deadline for voting is two months after the date of issue of the document for vote. It invites the SMB to concur with this Decision, to implement the procedure, and to put in place a monitoring method.</p>	<p>CAB Decision 15/5 was considered by the SMB at its meeting on 16/17 June 2004 at which it was resolved:-</p> <p>“ The SMB approved the recommendation from the joint SMB/CAB task force on interpretation of standards given in document SMB/2846/R with slight changes as proposed by CAB and SMB members and concurred with CAB to apply the proposal for a trial period of two years. The SMB requested Central Office to implement the procedure and to develop a method for monitoring the implementation. ”</p>
<p>6.4 WT01 <i>Action item: the CAB Secretary to investigate how to put a procedure in place for the updating of documents such as WT 01, without having to make them pseudo-TC documents. Ref.: CAB/480/INF.</i></p>	<p>The CAB Secretary was tasked with identifying appropriate procedures for updating of documents such as WT01. A CAB delegation including the Secretary is due to meet with officers of TC 88 to discuss the future development of the WT01 document – see Agenda Item 7.4.</p>
<p>6.4 Handling future technologies</p>	<p>Mr Rundqvist was requested to provide a paper on this issue for</p>

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<i>Action item: Mr Rundqvist to provide a discussion paper for how the CAB could or should respond to new CA proposals.</i>	CAB's consideration. This is included under Agenda Item 7.5.
<p>8.1 ISO/IEC 17050-1,-2 Decision 15/13 — <i>ISO/IEC 17050-1 and ISO/IEC 17050-2</i> The CAB has considered the report of the IEC Coordinator in ISO/CASCO WG 24, and recommends to IEC National Committees to cast positive votes on ISO/IEC 17050-1 and -2 when they are issued for FDIS vote in June 2004.</p>	<p>Communication to NCs of the CAB's recommendation (Decision 15/13) for positive votes on these documents was missed. Procedures have been put in place to ensure that future CAB recommendations are communicated to NCs in conjunction with the publication of the relevant CABPUB/... document on the IEC server. NOTE — For both, of the 22 IEC National Committee votes, 21 were positive.</p>
<p>8.1.4 Handling of CASCO documents Decision 15/15 — <i>Handling of ISO/CASCO documents in IEC</i> The CAB approves the procedure for the handling of CASCO documents within IEC as outlined in CAB/457/DV and requests the CAB Secretary to implement the procedure as soon as practicable.</p>	Decision 15/15 has been implemented with CABPUB/... documents being made available to NCs through the IEC Server.
<p>8.3.1 Cooperation with ILAC Decision 15/17 — <i>CAB-ILAC Technical Panel</i> The CAB notes the report on the meeting of the CAB-ILAC Technical Panel held in April 2004 and welcomes the continuing strong cooperation outlined in the report. The CAB encourages each of the Schemes to participate in the joint activities with ILAC and its members, to maximize the benefits accruing through such cooperation.</p>	Following the June CAB meeting and the Decision 15/17 (encouraging the Schemes to continue cooperation with ILAC), ILAC provided a draft of a proposed MoU between ILAC and IEC. This was considered by the members of the Joint Policy Panel (including the opportunity for comment from the Schemes' members) and subsequently by CAB (in principle) by correspondence. ILAC has been provided with a text approved "in principle" by the CAB for consideration at the ILAC General Assembly and final approval of the text of the MoU by the CAB will be considered under Agenda Item 9.3.4.
<p>8.4 Cooperation with IAF Decision 15/19 — <i>Cooperation with IAF</i> The CAB notes the comments from the Schemes on the potential benefit of cooperation with IAF, requests the Chairman to initiate discussions with the IAF Officers on possible areas for cooperation, and report to the CAB at its next meeting.</p>	As requested in Decision 15/19 the Chairman has held discussions with IAF officers on possible areas for future cooperation between IAF and IEC and his report will be considered under Agenda Item 9.4.
9.1/9.2 CAB/475/DC and CAB/478/INF	Discussion on these two papers was deferred to this meeting and they are to be considered under Agenda Items 10.1 and 6.3 respectively.