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**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains information regarding the IECEx Bulletin 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

As this has been a major update and upgrade from the current 3<sup>rd</sup> edition the Secretariat has adopted a new format in order to create a more user friendly Bulletin. This document (ExMC/626/Inf) is a summary of the new IECEx Bulletin layout.

The Draft Edition 4 version is presented in a single zip file consisting of the following electronic files

- **Section 1:** Introduction – *One single word file*
- **Section 2:** Matrix – *One single word file*
- **Section 3:** National Differences- *separate word files, 1 for each Standard but containing all editions of that standard in the one file*
- **Section 4:** IECEx CBs – *One single word file*

The Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all ExMC Members that have provided the necessary updated information to enable us to prepare this final draft Edition 4. A special note of thanks to Ron Sinclair for providing the updated EU Group Differences.

At this final stage and to ensure that the Secretariat has captured all information provided, this draft edition 4 is now issued for a final review by ExMC Members. We would therefore appreciate your reviewing this latest version and providing any corrections or updates to us by **15 September 2010**.

The Secretariat will include an item on the ExMC Berlin meeting agenda to report on the Bulletin in further detail, including a presentation of the new format.

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## IECEX Bulletin 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2010

The latest edition (4<sup>th</sup>) of the IECEx Bulletin contains 4 sections. These are as follows;

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: Matrix
- Section 3: National Differences
- Section 4: IECEx CBs

These have been divided into separate files in order to allow for quick access.

### **Section 1: Introduction {one single electronic file}**

This section of the Bulletin contains the following elements;

- Title Page
- Contents Page
- Preface
- Introduction to the IECEx System
  - o *IECEX System Objectives*
  - o *What is an Ex area?*
  - o *Where do you commonly find Ex Equipment?*
  - o *IECEX International Certification System*
  - o *1. The IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme*
  - o *2. The IECEx Certified Services Facilities Scheme*
  - o *3. The Ex Mark of Conformity Scheme*
  - o *4. The IECEx Certified Persons Scheme*
  - o *Applications*
- Officers of the IECEx System  
Current contact details of all Officers
- IECEx Member Countries and their Representative  
List of all member Countries and their Representative contact details.

### **Section 2: Matrix {one single electronic file}**

This section contains a comprehensive matrix of all member countries and their adoption method of IEC Standards.

The format of the matrix is in descending order of Standard editions with the latest edition first and highlighted for quick reference.

The matrix also uses a key (1-5) to identify member countries adoption of IEC Standards. The key is located at the bottom left corner of the page.

The matrix is provided as a quick index for Section 3: National Differences.



**Section 3: National Differences***{multiple files, one for each Standard}*

This section is the largest of the Bulletin. In order to make the information as assessable as possible each IEC Standard is presented as separate files with the file name corresponding to the Standard but each file contains all editions of that Standard

Each of the files contain;

- Latest Edition of Standard first and then previous editions follow in descending order
- Reference table of countries at the beginning of each edition
- List of countries without National Differences
- List of Countries with National Differences
- Details of the National Differences listed in alphabetical country order

This section includes headers on each page to highlight the different editions of the Standards.

**Section 4: IECEx CBs (Certified Bodies)** *{one single electronic file}*

The final section of the Bulletin contains a table of all current ExCBs and their contact details. The table is presented in country order.

Included at the end of this section are instructions on how to access ExCB information from the IECEx website. This was added for future reference for updated contact details.

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