

# INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION SYSTEM FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEX SYSTEM)

Title: <u>Further</u> Updated proposal from the IECEx Executive concerning certain matters to be delegated to the Executive

Circulated to: IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

## INTRODUCTION

Further to ExMC/872/DV and ExMC/872A/DV, this matter was

- 1. First discussed during the 2013 Fortaleza ExMC meeting with an outcome of **Decision 2013/29** that:
  - The Meeting agreed in principle to having a list of items that may be delegated to the Executive but are not in a position to accept the proposals in document ExMC/872/CD. Therefore it was agreed to defer this proposal to the next ExMC meeting. However in the meantime Members were requested to submit written comments in the form of proposed changes to ExMC/872/CD to the Secretary within 3 months.
- 2. As no further comments were received during the three month period following the meeting. ExMC/872/DV was further discussed by the IECEx Executive at their 2014 meeting in Dubai with the result being a recommendation that the ExMC endorse ExMC/872/DV as list of "Tasks and responsibilities to be delegated to the IECEx Executive". The outcome from the 2014 ExMC meeting in the Hague was for the Executive to conduct one further review which was undertaken during their 2015 meeting in Toronto.
- 3. Outcome from the IECEx Executive 2015 Toronto meeting was endorsement of ExMC/872A/DV.
- 4. As per Decision 2015/52 from the 2015 ExMC Meeting Christchurch meeting that required the IECEx Executive to prepare this revised document in consultation with the US NC to incorporate the relevant elements of ExMC/1060/CD.

The IECEx Executive at its May 2016 Northbrook meeting considered the above and agreed to submit this further revised draft for consideration by ExMC during its 2016 Umhlanga meeting. Annex A provides a comparison of Changes against version A draft are shown with the tracking tool.

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## Tasks and responsibilities to be delegated to the IECEx Executive

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While the following list is expected to be revised over time, upon publication of this document, the tasks and responsibilities delegated to the IECEx Executive by the ExMC exclusively includes the following:

- 1) Monitor the effective promotion strategies and activities of the System and make any recommendations to the ExMC
- 2) Supervision of the processes of voting on reports of assessments and re-assessments of ExTL's and ExCB's throughout the year. This entails the tabulation of reasons for negative votes and any associated development of proposed resolutions for all initial assessments, surveillance assessments and re-assessments of applicant and accepted IECEx Testing Laboratories and Certification Bodies. Where assessment reports attract unresolved negative votes from the membership the reasons for negative votes and the proposed resolutions shall be circulated to member bodies to enable reconsideration of their original vote.
- 3) Preparation of actions on CAB related items for proposal to ExMC.
- 4) Assistance with the preparation of meetings of the ExMC
- 5) Investigation and mediation of complaints and instances of violation of IECEx Rules of Procedure that are not resolved as referred by the Secretariat. .
- 6) Supervision of actions subsequent to decisions in response to violation of the Rules of Procedure.

These will be supported by the ongoing work of the IECEx Executive Secretary and IECEx Secretariat staff in fulfilling the requirements of IECEx 01.

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#### Annex A - Comparison between ExMC/872A/DV and ExMC/872B/DV

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a System overview ¶

CAB matters¶

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supervision of the processing (by the Secretariat) of applications for new Member Bodies prior to CAB consideration¶

supervision of the preparation (by the Secretariat in conjunction with IEC CO) of invoices, financial statements and reports related to the IECEx System operations¶

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