

ExNB	Co-ordination of Notified Bodies Equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres on Council Directive 94/9/EC (ATEX)	
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ExNBG meeting short report

The last meeting was held on 17 and 18 November 2011.

1. Cooperation with IECEx

During the last meeting, a summary of the last IECEx meetings was reported by Mr. Sinclair.

It was noted the introduction of the Unit Verification by the IECEx document OD 033. It was also noted the publication of the "Common Regulatory Objective" for Explosive atmospheres by United Nation via UNECE where it is written that IEC TC31 and IECEx is the world best practise.

2. Consideration of state of the art

The document dealing with the significant changes in standard is published (ExNB10-388CS - Significant changes).

ExNBs stated that the manufacturers shall be informed about relevant changes of the state of the art using the existing procedures (ExNB10-397CS).

These two ExNB Clarification sheets were endorsed by the ATEX Standing Committee in July 2011¹.

3. New Legal Framework - Change of the ATEX Directive

Due to the New Legal Framework, nine European Directives will be modified. The ATEX Directive is one of them. Regarding the technical requirements and the assessment procedures there is no change. The changes concern mainly the relation between member states and the way to notify the certification body.

Regarding the manufacturer point of view, the major change will be that he will have to declare the conformity to the new directive by writing an EU declaration of conformity. If there is no change on the product and no change regarding the State of the Art, he will be able to use the EC type examination certificate he has already for this product. However, if there is a change new examinations and tests will be conduct but it will not be possible to issue an addition or a new issue of the EC type examination. A new EU type examination certificate in accordance with the new directive will be required.

4. Standards

It was also noted during the last meeting the publication of the EN 80079-34:2011 which has been harmonised on 18 November 2011 and has been superseded the EN 13980:2002.

5 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next ExNB meeting will be on November 15 and 16, 2012 in Brussels.

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¹ These documents are available on
http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/mechanical/documents/guidance/atex/clarification/index_en.htm