



# QPS Evaluation Services IECEx Industry Symposium IECEx Past + Present



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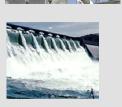
# Who is the IEC?

- International Electotechnical Commission
- Founded in 1906 Promote international cooperation on all questions of <u>standardization</u> and related matters in the fields of electrotechnology, including Conformity Assessment.

IEC Standards + Publications	6,959

Technical Committees	175
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Dedicated WGs + Task	1,174
Teams	

















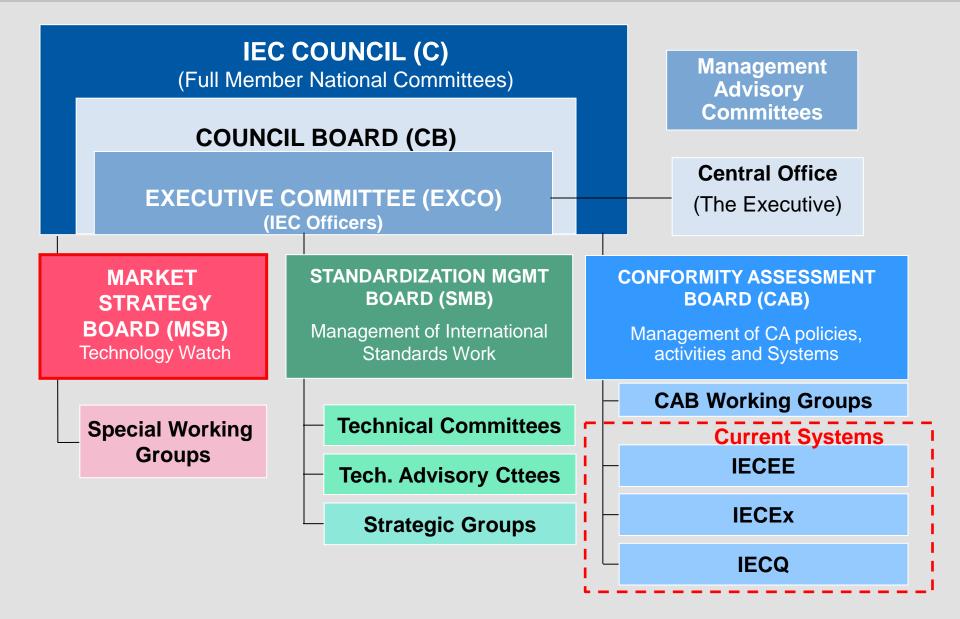


# IEC Family: 164 countries – Global Reach





# **IEC Structure**





# Some recent developments at IEC

- Standards Work New Technical committees:
  - TC 114 "Marine Energy Wave/Tidal/water current converters"
  - TC 115 "High Voltage Direct Current Transmission ->100KV"
  - TC 116 "Safety of motor operated electric tools"
  - TC 117 "Solar Thermal electric plants"
  - TC 118 "Smart grid user interface"
  - TC 119 "Printed Electronics"
  - SC 31M "Non-Electrical Committee for Ex"

# Conformity Assessment – New/Emerging Activities:

- IECEx Personnel Certification Scheme
- IECEE Energy Efficiency Scheme
- New IECQ Programme for "Counterfeit Avoidance Electronic Components and Assemblies"
- Development of an IEC Scheme for Marine Energy Converters and Installations
- Development of an IEC Scheme for Wind Turbines





# Terminology/meaning can be Confusing ??

# "CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT"

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

17000

NORME INTERNATIONALE

First edition Première édition Первое издание 2004-11-01

МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЙ СТАНДАРТ

Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles

Évaluation de la conformité — Vocabulaire et principes généraux

Оценка соответствия. Словарь и общие принципы nt



# **Certificate of Conformity versus Test Report**

# **Test Report:-**

- What Information is being conveyed by a Test Report?
- Who is the legal owner of the Test Report?
- Should an End User have free access to a Test Report, how?
- How long is a test report Valid, after its issue?



Certificate of Conformity (third Party according

to ISO/IEC Guide 67)

- What Information is being conveyed by a Certificate?
- ■Who is the legal owner of the Certificate?
- Should an End User have free access to a Certificate, how?
- How long is a Certificate Valid, after its issue?

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# Ex - IEC 60079-0 Clause 28.1, 28.2, 28.3 +29.3

#### 28.2 Certificate

The manufacturer shall prepare, or have prepared, a certificate confirming that the equipment is in conformity with the requirements of this standard along with its other applicable parts and additional standards mentioned in Clause 1. The certificate can relate to Ex equipment or antiexhe Component NATIONAL

An Ex Component certificate (Identified by the symbol "U" suffix to the certificate number) is prepared for parts of equipment that are incomplete and require further evaluation prior to incorporation in Ex equipment. The Ex Component certificate may include a Schedule of Limitations detailing specific additional evaluation required as part of incorporation into Ex equipment. An Ex Component certificate shall clarify that it is not an Ex equipment certificate.

Explosive atmospheres –
Part 0: Equipment – General requirements

## 29.3 Marking General Item d)

d) the name of mark of the certificate issuer and the certificate reference in the following form: the last two figures of the year of the certificate followed by a "." followed by a unique four character reference for the certificate in that year;

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## **Definitions**

#### **ISO/IEC 1700 Definitions**

#### 2.4

third-party conformity assessment activity conformity assessment activity that is performed by a person or body that is independent of the person or organization that provides the object, and of user interests in that object

NOTE 1 Criteria for the independence of conformity assessment bodies and accreditation bodies are provided in the International Standards and Guides applicable to their activities (see Bibliography).

#### IEC 60079-0 Definitions

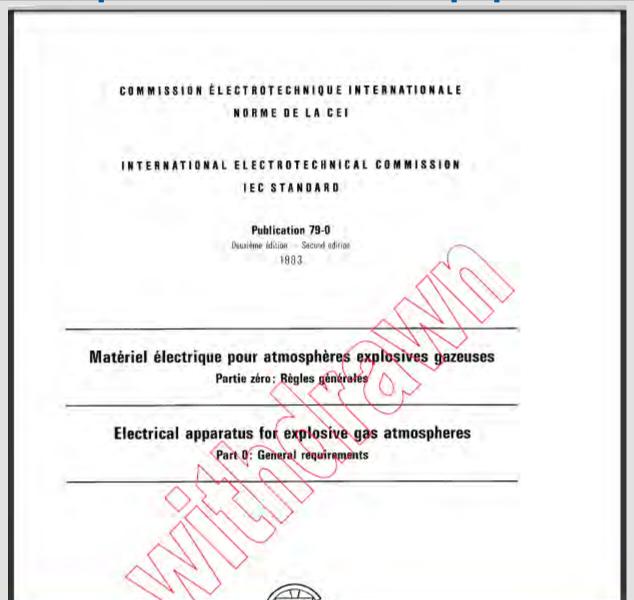
#### 3.8 certificate

document that assures the conformity of a product, process, system, person, or organization with specified requirements

NOTE The certificate may be either the supplier's declaration of conformity or the purchaser's recognition of conformity or certification (as a result of action by a third party) as defined in ISO/IEC 17000



# Long Standing Testing / Assessment Requirements for Ex Equipment





# Assessment and Tests for Ex Equipment – IEC 79-0 1983

- Verification of documents
- Compliance of Prototype with documents
- Marking Requirements
- Type Tests include:
  - Mechanical Tests
  - Resistance to Impact
  - Thermal Tests
  - Insulation Resistance of plastic parts
  - Test in explosive mixtures
  - Test of clamping of cables



# The Ex Marketplace



# Manufacturers trade Globally

Re-testing/ Re-certification

- Adds undue costs
- Results in delays to access markets
- •Denies smaller countries access to new products/technology

## **IECEx Provides a Single Global Process System:-**

- Qualifying and Monitoring the operation of credible Certifiers + Labs
- Issuing of Test Reports and International Certificates that can either:
  - -Be exchanged among participating Certifiers (ExCBs)
  - -Be used both on a voluntary (purchasing requirements) or Regulatory basis.



# "IECEx is the International Standard way of doing Ex Certification"

The IEC's System with Schemes covering Certification to Standards that relate to Equipment, Services and Persons in areas relating to Explosive Atmospheres, to provide an Internationally accepted means of demonstrating claimed compliance with International Standards

IECEx is a "Conformity Assessment Tool" providing confidence that Products, Services and Personnel covered by an IECEx Certificate meet specified requirements, (International Standards)



# **IECEx History - Overview**

- 1992 TC 31 Concept IEC survey reveals agreement to develop a standalone International Ex scheme, WGEx formed to develop nucleus of a Scheme. Convener Nick Maalouf
- 1994 IECEE 04 Rules published / 1999 converted to IECEx 01
- ▶ 1996 First meeting of Management Committee in London, appointment of Officers (lan Cleare first IECEx Chairman)
- > 1997 1999 Development of IECEx structure, including first round of peer assessments.
- 1999 Scheme commences "Transitional" Operation Issue Reports
- 2000 First National Ex Certificate issued on basis of IECEx Test and Assessment Report
- 2002 IECEx Management decision to move to FULL level and issuing of "IECEx Certificates of Conformity"
- 2003 IECEx "On-Line" Certificate of Conformity System in operation FIRST IECEx Certificate issued 130 CoCs issued 1year
- 2007 IECEx Services Scheme / Repair. Launched
- 2010 New IECEx Certified Persons Scheme Launched



# Schemes within the IECEx System

# **IECEx System**

www.iecex.com

IECEx Equipment Scheme
Certification of Ex Equipment + Systems

IECEx Conformity Mark License Scheme

IECEx Services Scheme
Certification of Ex Service Providers, eg
Repair and overhaul workshops

IECEx Certified Persons
Scheme (CoPC)
Competency to work in Ex field (New)

#### **Choice between:**

IECEx "Certificate of Conformity"

IECEx "Component Certificate"

IECEx "Unit Verification" Cert.











# **IECEx – Overview**





#### **IEC CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD, CAB**

Oversees IEC Conformity Assessment policy and Systems, eg IECEx

**IECEx Management Committee, ExMC** 

**National Members (Countries)** 

**Overall management of the IECEx System** 

Officers + Executive, TC 31 Chair, IEC Gen. Sec

**ExMC Expert Working Groups (WGs)** 

**IECEx Expert Assessors** 

**IECEx Secretariat** 

**Technical Support** 

**Administration** 

**Ex Office Members** 

IEC TC 31 Chairman

**IECEx Technical** 

Assessment Group

Members: ExCBs + ExTLs

**ExTAG Expert WGs** 

TC 31 + SC Liaison

**IECEx Marks Committee** 

Operation of IECEx Mark

**Appointed Members** 

**IECEx Executive** 



**IECEx CoPC Committee** 

**Operation of Personnel Cert** 

**Appointed Members** 

**IECEx Executive** 



# **IECEx Certification – Equipment Scheme**

- System 5 ISO/IEC Guide 67

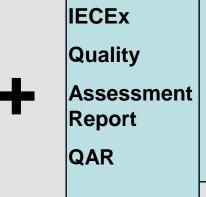
# Product Testing

IECEx
Assessment and Test
Report
ExTR

Testing of Samples (Type Testing)

International Standards

Factory Audit + Ongoing surveillance



Assessment of Manufacturers Quality System

ISO/IEC 80079-34

In line with EN 13980 and Based on ISO 9001

#### **IECEx Certification**



Live "On-Line" System

**In-built controls** 

**Consistent format** 

**Search capabilities** 

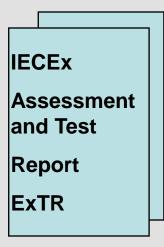
**Covers all production units** 



# **IECEx Certification – Unit Verification**

Each Unit must be tested / assessed by the IECEx Body And identified on the Certificate, by serial No.

# Product Test/Asses.



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Live "On-Line"
System
In-built controls
Consistent format
Search capabilities

Covers only Units identified



# Question:

What does an ExCB Certify when issuing an IECEx CoC?

## **Answer:**

The <u>manufacturer's</u> <u>capability</u> to consistently produce the product/equipment, listed on the certificate to be in compliance with the standards also listed on the Certificate.

## IECEx 02: 2010 Clause 5.1 Extract:

"The certificate will attest that the equipment's design conforms to the relevant IEC or ISO standards and that the manufacturer is manufacturing the product under a quality system and associated quality plan(s), meeting the requirements of this Scheme and under the surveillance of an ExCB".

Same Philosophy across all IECEx Schemes, Certified Services Scheme + Certified Persons Scheme – "INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION of CLAIMED COMPLIANCE."



- IEC Brand
  - Global recognition industry
  - International recognition eg WTO + UN recognised
  - IEC Standards used Nationally
- Open and Transparent Process
  - Clear Rules
  - Transparency in process and results
- Industry have a say and provide direct input.
- Consistency in CA processes among participating Certification Bodies.



# **Key Demand Drivers for IECEx**

- Removal of costly duplication of testing/Cert at local level + delays to accessing markets
- Confidence among Industry, Regulators +
   Stakeholders Ex equipment + Systems, high capital cost
- Confidence among Bodies (Labs + Certifiers), level playing field for CBs and TLs to compete
- Portability of assessment results + certs
- Ex Services + Personnel Cert now covered
- Instant access to information, including "On-Line" Certificates – instant checking.



- ALL Test Reports, Assessment and Audit Registered on IECEx Website (All IECEx Schemes
- Certificates issued by ALL ExCBs located in the one website place (for All IECEx Schemes)
- Electronic Certificates are the Master Version
- On-Line Certificate System with safeguards:
  - System generates Report and Certificates numbers
  - ExCBs only issues Certificates within approved scope
  - Others, eg ExCBs cannot delete certificates etc
  - Dedicated Technical Secretariat with CEO Duties to deal with day to day running of IECEx



- ALL IECEx Test Labs (ExTLs) and Ex Certification Bodies (ExCBs) undergo same assessment
  - Initial
  - Annual
  - Reassessment
  - On-going monitoring
- Common Procedures by all ExCBs+ExTLs
- IECEx Proficiency Testing Programme by PTB
- IECEx have an Appeals Process
- Central Dedicated Secretariat + Active Executive
- Self funding + Report to IEC CAB



# **IECEx On-Line CoC System key Features**

- Web site version is the MASTER
- Certificates issued by ALL ExCBs in the one place – if not on IECEx website – then not issued!
- Data Backed up by IEC Central Office, Geneva
- Certificate / Report Number <u>automatically</u> <u>generated by system</u>, all Cert. Nos begin with "IECEx...."
- Certificates + reports deleted only by Secretariat
- Editing only allowed during first 14 days after issue of the Certificate
- ExCBs only issue CoCs within their scope
- Supported by technical Secretariat.



# **IECEx On-Line Certificate System**

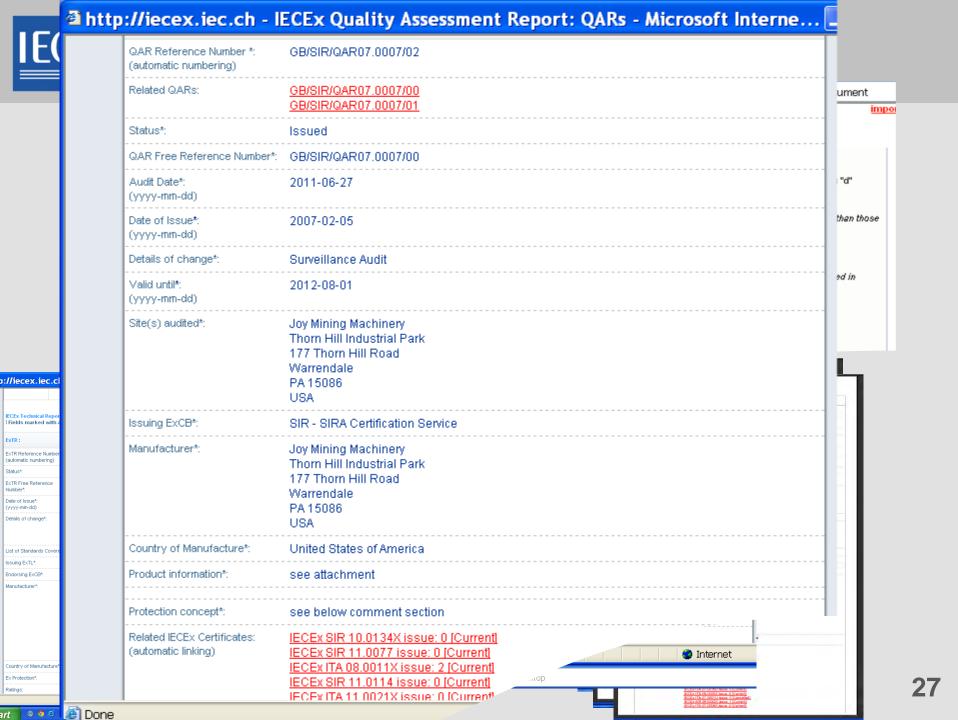










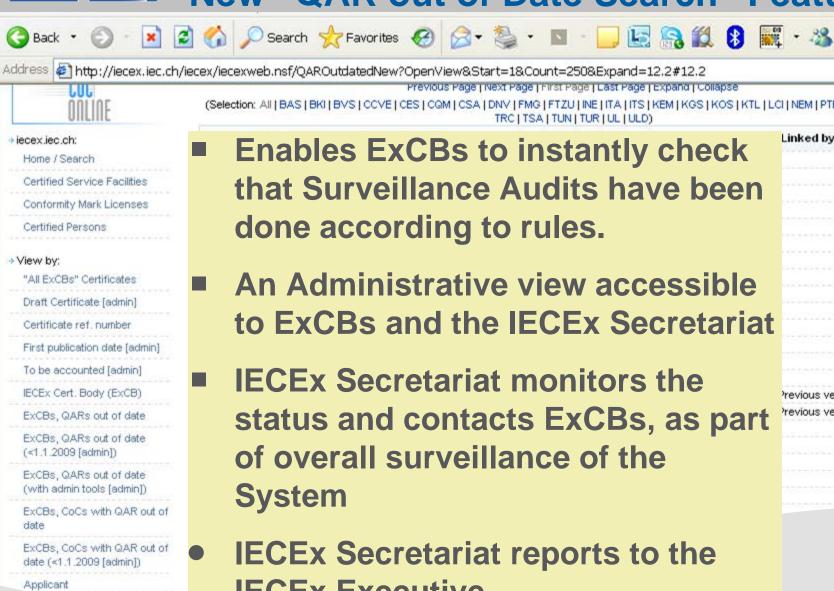




# IECEx On-Line Certificate System – New "QAR out of Date Search" Feature

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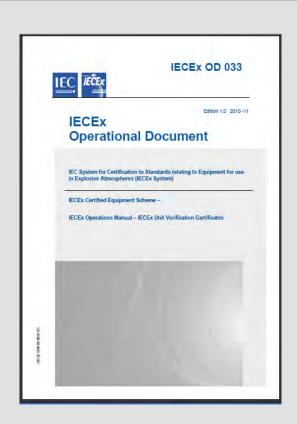
	Enables ExCBs to instantly check	
	that Surveillance Audits have been	
	done according to rules.	

- An Administrative view accessible to ExCBs and the IECEx Secretariat
- **IECEx Secretariat monitors the** status and contacts ExCBs, as part of overall surveillance of the **System**
- **IECEx Secretariat reports to the IECEx Executive**



# **IECEx Unit Verification Certificate**

- IECEx OD 033 Operational Procedure
- Covers specific Items identified on the IECEx CoC (eg serial number)
- Full and Compliant ExTR(s) required
- Does not require Factory Inspection/audits
- Examples being specialised "One-Offs" or limited quantities





# **IECEx Unit Verification Certificate**



- Issued on the basis of Satisfactory ExTR
- Only covers items actually assessed/tested
  - Not require Factory inspection nor ongoing surveillance
- Items traceable on certificate via serial numbers/etc
  - Can cover more than 1 item but all serial Nos appear.



# IECEx Services Scheme – Repair

Workshops Guide to IECEx Service

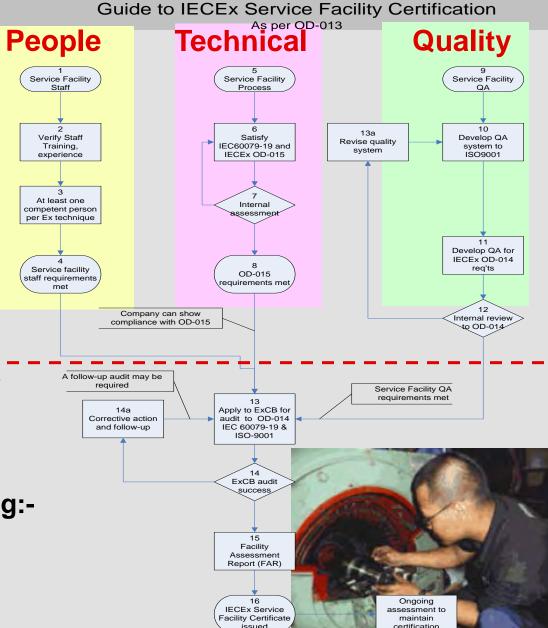
## **IECEx Scheme Rules:**

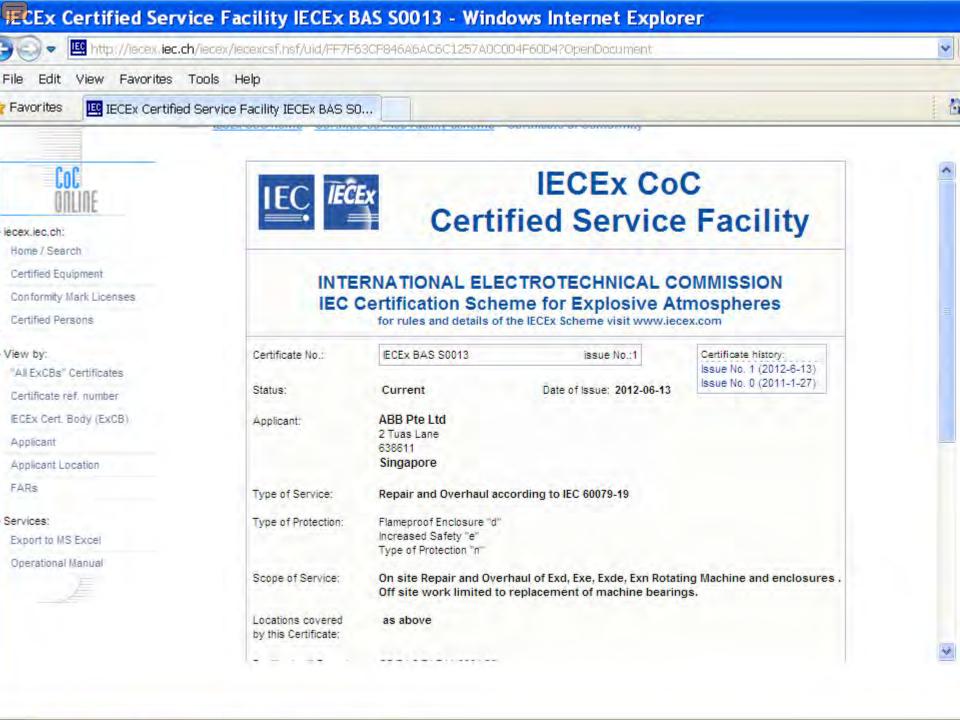
- -IEC 60079-19
- -IECEx 03 Rules
- -IECEx OD 013 Procedures
- -IECEX OD 014 QA
- Requirements
- -IECEx OD 015 Requirements
- -IECEx OD 016 ExCB Criteria
- -Audit Report Forms
- -On-Line Certificates
- -IECEx 03A Guide to Applicant

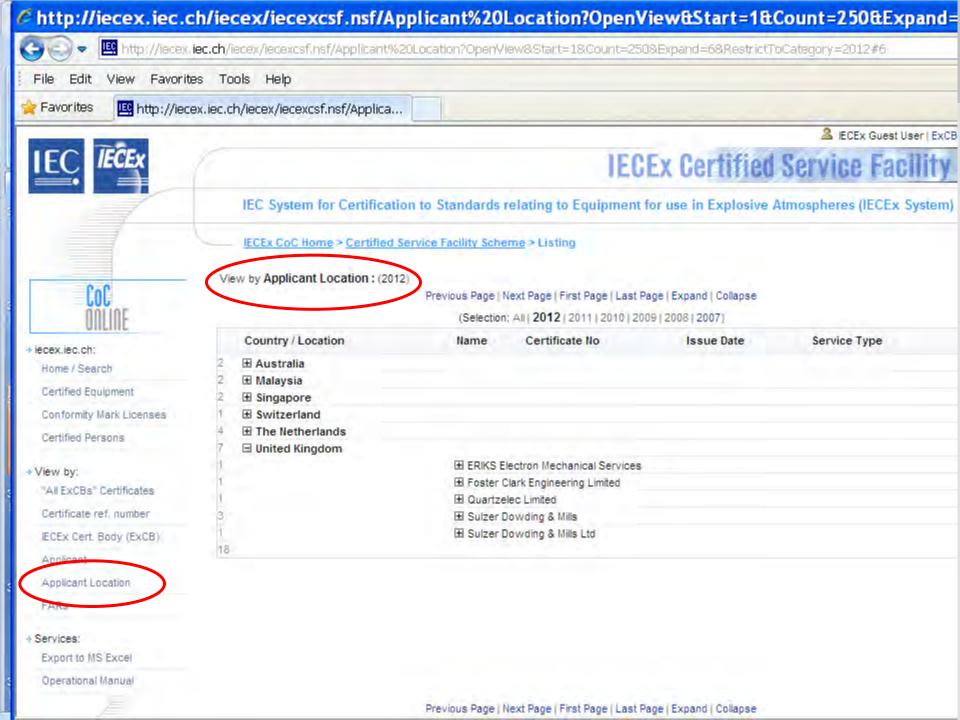
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Current work to cover Service Ogranisations (WG10) providing:-

- -Installation + Initial Inspection
- -Inspection + Maintenance
- -Design and Selection
- -Area Classification







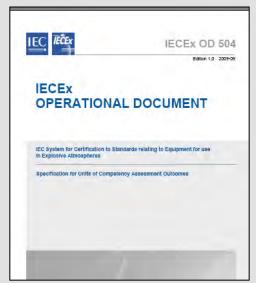


# **IECEx Certified Persons Scheme -**

- Same IEC TC 31 Standards already used by IECEx apply, 60079-10, -19, -14, -17
- Certifies a Person's Competence to be able to apply the Standards
- Manufacturers now interested







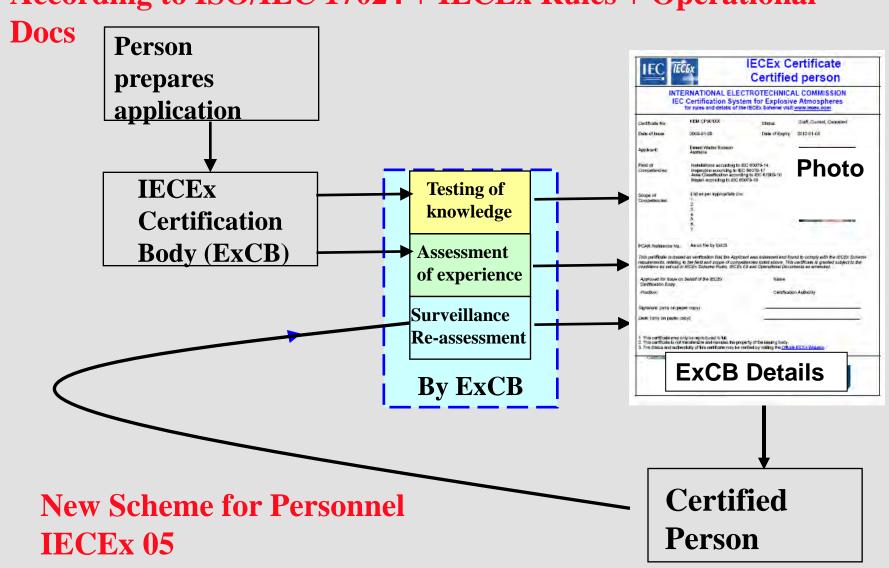
**Operational Documents** 

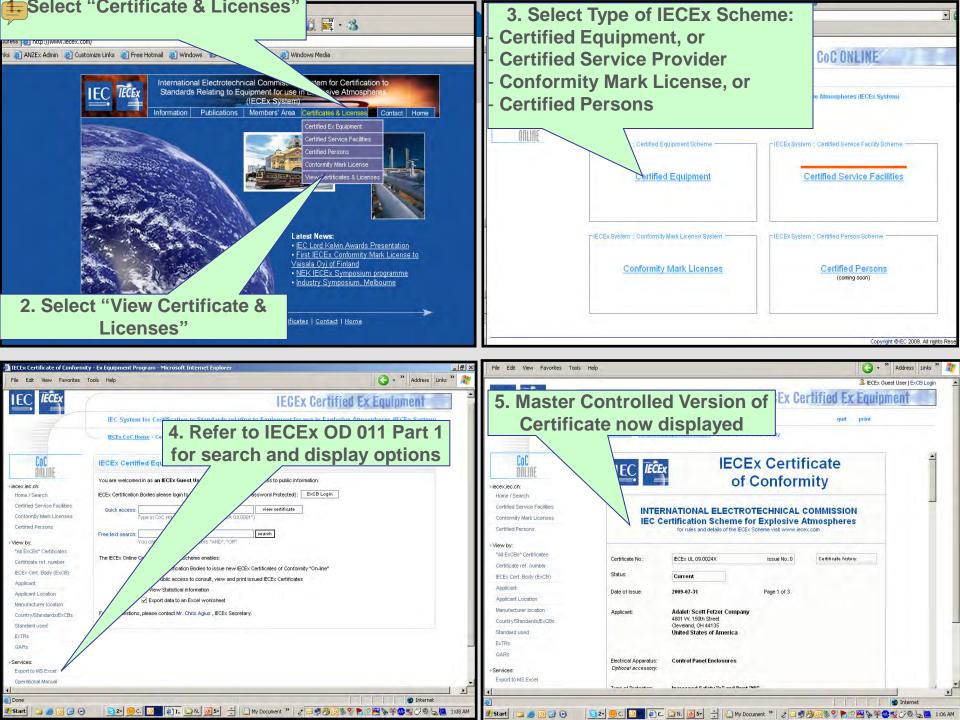
Unit Ex 001 – Basic principles of protection in explosive
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Unit Ex 002 – Perform classification of hazardous areas
Unit Ex 003 – Install explosion-protected equipment and
wiring systems
Unit Ex 004 – Maintain equipment in explosive
atmospheres
Unit Ex 005 – Overhaul and repair of explosion- protected
equipment
Unit Ex 006 – Test electrical installations
Unit Ex 007 – Perform visual & close inspection
Unit Ex 008 – Perform detailed inspection
Unit Ex 009 – Design electrical installations
Unit Ex 010 – Perform audit inspection of installations



# **IECEx Cert Persons Scheme -**

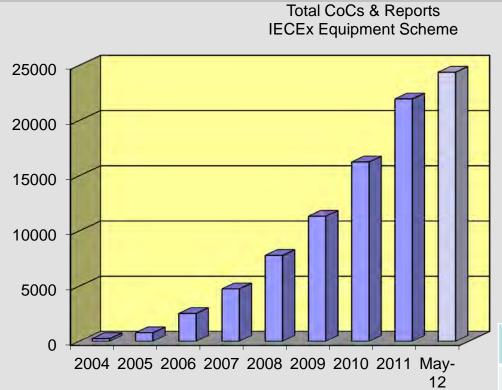
# According to ISO/IEC 17024 + IECEx Rules + Operational







## **IECEX** Some IECEX Statistics





IECEx Certified Persons Certs.	
2010 (commenced Oct)	6
2011	64
2012 (@July)	<u>51</u>
Total	121



## IECEx Foundation – it's DNA

- Being part of IEC: Statutes + Rules
- Industry Based Management Committee
- One single set of Rules and
   Operational Procedures for TLs + CBs
- ALL TLs and CBs undergo the same qualification process to join, use of peer assessment.
- Common Test Report and Certificate
   Format used by ALL TLs and CBs but
   always maintaining CB Brand
- Use of Internet "On-Line" Systems for Certificates. <u>Equipment</u>, <u>Services</u>, <u>Personnel</u>
- Technical Secretariat Day to Day Management with CEO function









## What's Next in IECEx??

- Coverage of Non-Electrical Standards, re IEC SC 31M
- Coverage of other Services within the IECEx Certified Services Scheme
  - Installation
  - Inspection
  - Area Classification
- Maintain Surveillance and Monitoring of the System + ExCBs
- Promotion of IECEx and those Companies,
   Organisations and Persons that hold IECEx Certification
- Upgraded and enhanced Features on the IECEx Website
- New Smart Phone and Mobile Device Application
  - Streamlined download capabilities to check status of Issued IECEx Certificates
  - An "Off-Line" mode for checking in the field
  - Phase 1 to be launched for IECEx 2012 Calgary







To promote trade as a means of development

To protect the safety of workers and consumers & preserve the natural environment

To foster the international transfer of knowledge & technology



## The United Nations System

#### **UN Principal** Organs

General Assembly

Security Council

Economic and Social Council

Secretariat

International Court of Justice

> Trusteeship Council<sup>5</sup>

#### NOTES:

- I UNIVA and UNEX report only to the General Assembly.
- 2 IAEA reports to the Security Council and the Coveral Assembly
- 1 WTO has no reporting obligation to the General Assembly (GA) but contributes on an ad-hoc basis to GA and ECOSOC work inter also pri finance and developmental bases.
- 4 Specialized agencies are autonomain organizations working with the UN and each other fireigh the coordinating machinery of ECOSOC at the Intergovernmental level, and through the Otief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) at the inter-exercisarial level. This section is listed in order of estab-Information from organizations as specialized agencies of the United Nations.
- 5 The Trusteen's Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994 with the Independence of Palas, the less remaining United Nations Trust Territory, on 1 October 1994.

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#### Programmes and Funds

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

ITC International Trade Centra (UNCTAD/WTO)

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme

- UNCDF United Nations Capital Development Fund
- **UNV** United Nations Volunteers

**UNEP United Nations Environment Programme** 

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Sattlements Programme

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNRWA 1 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

**UN-Women** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

WFP World Food Programme

#### Research and Training Institutes

UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

UNIDIR<sup>®</sup> United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training. and Research

UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

UNSSC United Nations System Staff College

**UNU** United Nations University

#### Other Entities

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNISDR United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services.

#### Related Organizations

CTBTO PropCom Proparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

IAEA2 International Atomic Energy Agency

**OPCW** Organisation for the Prohibition of Chamical Weapons

WTO3 World Trade Organization

#### Subsidiary Bodies

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Main and other sessional

Disarmament Commission

International Law Commission

Human Rights Council

Standing committees

and ad hoc bodies

committees

Counter-terrorism committees

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoskavia (ICTY)

**Functional Commissions** 

#### Military Staff Committee

Peacekeeping operations and political missions

Sanctions committees (ad hoc)

Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

#### Advisory Subsidiary Body

UN Peacebuilding Commission

#### Regional Commissions

**ECA** Economic Commission for Africa Crime Prevention and Crimin Justice

Narcottc Drugs **ECE** Economic Commission for Europa Population and Development

for Latin America and Science and Technology for Development the Cartbbean Social Development

**ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pooffic

> **ESCWA** Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

#### Other Bodies

Settles for Davelopment Policy Committee of Experts on Public

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

United Nations Group of Experts

on Geographical Names Other sessional and standing committees and expert, ad hoc and related bodies

#### Specialized Agencies

ILO International Labour Organization

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

UNESCO United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organization

WHO World Health Organization

#### World Bank Group

- **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- **IDA** International Development Association
- IFC International Finance Corporation
- MIGA Multiclaral Investment Guarantee Agency
- ICSID International Centre for Sattlement of Investment Disputes

**IMF** International Monotary Fund

KAO International Civil Aviation Organization

IMO International Maritime Organization

Telecommunication Union

UPU Universal Postal Union

ITU International

WMO World Mateorological Organization

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization

**UNWTO** World Tourtsm Organization

#### Departments and Offices

United Nations Forum on Forests

EOSG Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Statistics.

Status of Women

Sustainable Development

**DESA** Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**DFS** Department of Field Support

**DGACM** Department for General Assembly and Conference Management

DM Department of Management

**DPA** Department of Political Affairs

**DPI** Department of Public Information **DPKO** Department of Psacekeeping Operations

**DSS** Department of Safety and Security

OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**OIOS** Office of Internal Oversight Services

**OLA** Office of Legal Affairs

OSAA Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

OSRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

**UNODA** Office for Disamment Affairs

UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva

UN-OHRLLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Daveloping States

**UNON** United Nations Office at Natrobi **UNOV** United Nations Office at Vienna



## **UN- Economic Commission for Europe:-**

## What UNECE is:

- Intergovernmental body
- Participation by: authorities, regional & int'l organizations, business, standards-setting bodies, certification bodies, test houses, civil society
- From all UN Member States
- 1970 2010: 40 years

### **UNECE** mandate:

 Forum for dialogue on: ☑ Standardization ☑ Technical regulations ☑ Conformity assessment ☑ Accreditation ☑ Metrology ☑ Market surveillance

### **UNECE** activities

- Share info & best practice / Capacity-building
- Develop and maintain a set of recommendations
- Implement a set of initiatives on specific industrial sectors

## **Regulatory Cooperation**

- All UN member states may participate, 193
- National regional and international standardization organizations
- UNECE Has observer's status at the meetings of the WTO TBT committee
- Other UN organizations
- International Model for Technical Harmonization UNECE Recommendation "L" (Development of Common Regulatory Objectives)
- Sectoral Projects
  - Telecoms Equipment
  - Earth Moving Equipment
  - Equipment for Explosive Environments
  - Pipe line Safety



# **UNECE Sectoral Initiative - Equipment for Explosive Environments**

- Industry makes use of IECEx Schemes
- But regulators do not use them in a consistent way
- WP. 6 offers a platform to interact among all stakeholders
- initiative has led to the development and publication of a common regulatory objectives framework using the Regulatory Model L.

## Why is the UN involved in Ex?

- The UN aims at protecting the safety of workers, citizens, consumers
- Repeated testing means that safe and reliable equipment will become unaffordable for some of the countries that need it the most
- The UN promotes the participation of developing countries and countries in transition in international trade
- Barriers to trade are lost opportunities for our membership
- An original initiative from Germany

## The model use of UN CROs:

- Authorities decide to work together on a specific sector
- They agree on CROs (Common Regulatory Objective)
- They transpose the CROs into national technical regulations

■ Then, when products have been assessed in the exporting country as compliant with the CROs they can automatically be sold in other markets with no further

assessment.

-Removes wasteful Acommon Regulatory Framework for Equipment Used in Environments with an Explosive Atmosphere

Approvals — usua — Enables smaller latest technology — Prevents Poor Q — Harmonisation a Development of E

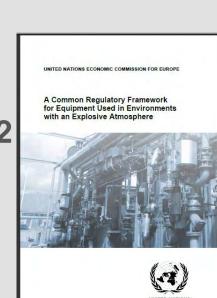
UNECE CRO
Serves as basis for

National or Regional Regulation / Law

Results in Harminisation

# Published UNECE CRO – History (Common Regulatory Objective)

- Started work in 2007
- Developed a questionnaire about regulatory in Ex on major markets
- Collected replies from Australia, Brazil, the European Union, the Russian Federation, United States
- On the basis of the replies developed CROs
- CROs approved by the Working Party in November 2010, published in March 2011
- Promotion and Awareness of these CROs
- Major Gulf Conference in partnership with IECEx + UAE Standards Authority, March 2012
- UAE now revising existing Regulations
- Other awareness events under planning
- Next UNECE WP6 Ex Mtg Calgary Sept 2012.



## **United Nations Endorsement of IECEX**

New United Nations
Publication, March 2011
endorsing IEC TC 31
Standards + IECEx as
"world's best practice".





UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

A Common Regulatory Framework for Equipment Used in Environments with an Explosive Atmosphere





**Full Text** 

http://www.unece.org/press/pr2011/11trade\_p03e.htm

## **United Nations CRO Publication - Extract**



2 Purpose of the Sectoral Initiative on Equipment Used in Environments with an Explosive Atmosphere

- 7. The purpose of the Sectoral Initiative on Equipment Used in Environments with an Explosive Atmosphere is to promote the convergence of national technical regulations currently in place in this sector towards a shared framework. This will reduce barriers to trade for this equipment, as well as costs. It will also increase the safety of the installations and the well-being of personnel working in the sector, as well as that of the communities living near the installations.
- 3 Scope statement of the Common Regulatory Objectives contained in this document
- The Common Regulatory Objectives (CROs) presented in this document have been drawn up in accordance with Recommendation L of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP. 6) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE/TRADE/378 - UNECE Recommendations on Standardization Policies).
- 9. The purpose of the CROs is twofold. On the one hand, they can be used as a model to draw up legislative instruments in countries that do not currently have regulations in this sector. On the other hand, they can be used to align existing national regulation with an internationally harmonized best practice.

10. The CROs are drawn up with reference to international standards and conformity assessment procedures developed by IEC and ISO and to best practice in the assessment of conformity to such standards, within the IECEx.

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- 11. The CROs address the requirements both for electrical and mechanical equipment being placed on the market (part one of the present document) and for the safe installation and use of the equipment in the workplace (part two of the present document).
- 12. Explosion protection in industry can be assured through a variety of legitimate means. The present document is based on one of them, namely, the "IEC Zone Concept, in

provide a translation into a national language.

#### B. Definition of applicable conformity assessment procedures

22. Compliance with this CROs shall be by use of an international certification scheme such as the IECEx for direct market acceptance of products carrying IECEx Certification. Alternatively, where national legislation does not allow for use of IECEx Certificates, national certification of compliance should be based on IECEx testing and assessments.

## Common Regulatory Objectives – Part two Requirements for the safe use of the equipment

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23. All substances intended for use in a plant or facility characterized by an explosive atmosphere have to be classified concerning their safety characteristics by applying the



## In Conclusion

While IECEx was formed to serve Industry needs, aimed at

Facilitation of International Trade in Ex Equipment and Services, Through the United Nations UNECE, IECEx is being seen as an ideal platform to achieve the United Nations Principles of:-

- Promotion of Trade as a means of Development among Countries
- Protect safety of Workers and Consumers and preserve Natural Environment
- Foster international Transfer of knowledge and technology



## **On-going IECEx Activities**

- IECEx Services Scheme to cover
  - Installation Services
  - Inspection Services
  - Area Classification Services
- Work on "Ex s" [Special Protection] due to new Standard under development within TC 31
- Preparation for coverage of "Non Electrical"
   Standards work underway within IEC SC 31M
- Determination of Life on Component Certificates
- An active IECEx Executive
- Dedicated Business Development WG
- 25 Dedicated WGs across the IECEx System
  - Promotion (eg IECEx/UN/ESMA Dubai Conference3



## **IECEx Documentation**



IECEx Guides

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Forms

To assist in a common understanding of the aims, objectives and procedures of the IECEx System, the IECEx Secretariat maintains various guidance documents.

The list below provides the official versions of these documents

IECEx 01A An Informative Guide comparing various elements of both IECEx and ATEX	Edition 1 August 2008
IECEx 01B Guidance for the use of the IECEx Logo	Edition 1 October 2011
IECEx 02A Guidance for Applicants seeking IECEx Certification under the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme, IECEx 02	Edition 2 October 2011
IECEx 03A Guidance for Applications from Service Facilities seeking IECEx Certification, IECEx 03	Edition 1 August 2008
IECEx 04A - Guidance for making applications for and use of IECEx Conformity Mark IECEx 04 (1.7MB)	Edition 1 July 2008
IECEx 05A Guidance and Instructions for Applicants to obtain a Certificate of Personnel Competence (CoPC)	Edition 1 July 2011



- Area Classification
- Select the right Ex Equipment
- Installation + Inspection
- Maintenance + On-going Inspection
- Repair + Overhaul

IECEx is a "Conformity Assessment Tool" providing confidence that Products, Services and Personnel covered by an IECEx Certificate meet specified requirements, (International Standards)



- The IECEx website <u>www.iecex.com</u>
- IECEx Brochure, + Guides <a href="http://www.iecex.com/guides.htm">http://www.iecex.com/guides.htm</a>
- The IECEx Officers (Executive) <a href="http://www.iecex.com/officers.htm">http://www.iecex.com/officers.htm</a>
- IECEx 2012 Annual Meetings <a href="http://www.iecex.com/calgary/">http://www.iecex.com/calgary/</a>
- Contact any of the listed IECEx Approved Certifiers
  - Equipment Scheme <a href="http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies1.asp?id=5">http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies1.asp?id=5</a>
  - Services Scheme <a href="http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies2.asp?id=5">http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies2.asp?id=5</a>
  - Personnel Scheme <a href="http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies4.asp?id=5">http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/bodies4.asp?id=5</a>
- Presentations from the IECEx 2012 International IECEx nference, Dubai (Highly Recommended) <a href="http://www.iecex.com/dubai/index.html">http://www.iecex.com/dubai/index.html</a>
- The IECEx Secretariat (responsible for day to day operational management of the IECEx)

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