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

***Title: Notification of Upgrade of IECEx OCS Search Tools and alignment with IECEx 02, Edition 8.0***

**Circulated to: IECEx Management Committee, ExMC**

**INTRODUCTION**

This document serves as notification to IECEx ExCBs that

1. In response to feedback from a wide range of users with diverse needs and expectations, the IECEx Online Certificate System (IECEx OCS) Search tools have been upgraded to make use of new IT tools to provide more filters and options for conducting searches for IECEx Certificates and Reports whilst retaining original tools dedicated to ExCB work and the Export function.

Instructions for use of the new Search tools are available in the new Edition 6.3 of IECEx OD 011-1.

The new search tools have been in development for almost nine months and have undergone extensive testing and a review by the IECEx Executive prior to deployment on 16th February 2022. We welcome your suggestions for further improvements and hope that you and your clients find value in the new system.

1. The IECEx OCS has also been updated to align with the requirements of Edition 8.0 of IECEx 02 regarding the identification of manufacturing locations. Instructions for use of the new certificate template for new or revised IECEx 02 Scheme Certificates and QAR Summaries are included in the new Edition 5.6 of IECEx OD 011-2.

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