

IECEx Conformity Mark Committee (ExMarkCo) – IECEx ExMC 2023 Meeting Agenda Item 9



ExMarkCo – Report from the Chair

IECEX CONFORMITY MARK COMMITTEE (ExMarkCo)

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9.1 Existing Mark Licensing ExCBs

Current ExCB Mark Licensing Bodies – 14 Total

- Australia Safety in Mines Testing and Research Station (SIMTARS)
- Finland Eurofins Expert Services Oy (EESF)
- France Institut National de l'Environnement Industriel et des Risques (INERIS)
- France Laboratories Central des industries Electriques International (LCIE)
- Germany Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)
- Germany TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH (TÜV SÜD PS)
- Hungary ExVA Ltd (BKI)
- Netherlands DEKRA Certification B.V. (DEKRA)
- Norway DNV Product Assurance AS (PRE)
- Sweden RISE Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE)
- United Kingdom SGS UK Ltd (SGS)
- United Kingdom Intertek Testing and Certification Ltd (ITS)
- United Kingdom CSA Group Testing UK Ltd (CSAE)
- United Kingdom Eurofins E&E CML Limited (CML)

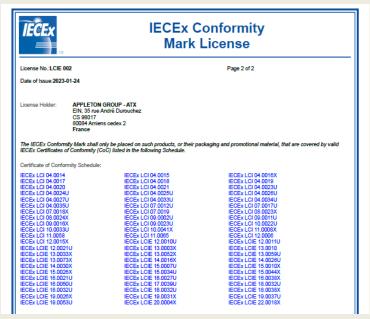
As at August 2023 there are <u>no</u> new Applicants ExCBs for the IECEx 04 Scheme



- IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses as of 27 August 2023
 - 46 total licenses with 38 Current connected to IECEx Certificates
 - 2023 631
 - 2022 505
 - 2021 441
 - 2020 311
- <u>Draft</u> IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses = 8







License Certificate

Schedule – listing IECEx CoCs covered by License



Recap of Important Decision taken by ExMC, on New Approach

 The agreed plan from the 2019 ExMC meeting (refer Decision 2019/35 on ExMC/1521/CD) was to have a single logo design that is to be used as (i) the IECEx Trademark / Brand and (ii) as the IECEx Conformity Mark on products. The logo is illustrated below:

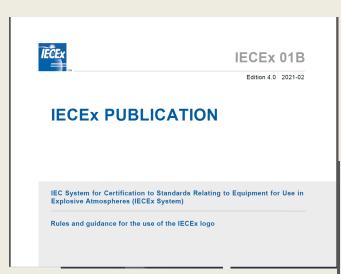
- The logo is being registered as the IECEx 'device'
- The text "IECEx" is being registered as the IECEx word mark



Implementation of ExMC Decision - Revised Publications

- <u>IECEx 04 Edition 2.0 >> "Regulations" to 'Rules", System" to "Scheme" (Approved by CAB) https://www.iecex.com/publications/iecex-rules/</u>
- <u>IECEx OD 422</u> >> Mark Licenses issued to IECEx Certificate holding manufacturers by QAR issuing ExCB & revision of License Agreement format and terms https://www.iecex.com/publications/operational-od/
- IECEx OD 423 >> previously known as OD 023
 https://www.iecex.com/publications/operational-od/
- <u>IECEx Guide 01B</u>, as per the proposed revision, continues to define who can use the IECEx logo in addition to details of how and where https://www.iecex.com/publications/guides/
- <u>IECEx Guide 04A</u>, as per the proposed revision, explains how the IECEx logo can be used on products as the new IECEx Conformity Mark https://www.iecex.com/publications/guides/





To ensure consistent IFCFx Branding, all IECEx Rules, ODs etc have been reissued with new single logo since 2021.

Transition from previous dual logo to single logo on new or updated material and media – 2 years. Existing material not affected.









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Rules and guidance for the use of the IECEx logo

FOREWORD

This document has been prepared to provide rules and guidance for all organizations wishing to use the IECEx logo (e.g. manufacturers, service facilities and IECEx member certification bodies, ExCBs).

IECEx 01B defines the rules and provides guidance for the use of the IECEx trademark also referred to throughout this document as the IECEx logo.

It should also be noted that the word "IECEx" is a registered trademark of the International Electrotechnical Commission.

The details of the rules and procedures of the IECEx are given in other IECEx documents available from the IECEx website or the IECEx Secretariat via the IEC Central Office.

IECEx 01B edition 4.0 is issued to reflect a change in the design of the IECEx logo/trademark. Use of the previous IECEx logo/trademark on new or updated material and media, according to edition 3.0 of IECEx 01B, is planned to cease within two years of publication of this edition 4.0.

Document history

| Date | Summary |
|---------------|---|
| July 2008 | Original issue (edition 1.0) |
| November 2013 | Edition 2.0 removed all details regarding the IECEx conformity mark. These were transferred to IECEx 04A. |



IECEx Conformity Mark Licenses:

as issued to manufacturers by IECEx ExCBs that have an (optional and no fee) License Agreement with IEC ...

- Are <u>NOT</u> required if the IECEx logo is used in accordance with IECEx Guide 01B. NOTE that IECEx Guide 01B does NOT apply to, nor permit use of the IECEx logo on equipment, components or products
- <u>Are</u> required if the IECEx logo is used in accordance with IECEx Guide
 04A on equipment as a Conformity Mark to claim conformity with
 standards or specifications listed in an IECEx Certificate of Conformity.



9.3 ExMarkCo membership

Membership in ExMarkCo/001S/INF at (updated to reflect changes in Executive)

The following vacancies still exist:

| # of Members | Group Represented | # of Vacancies |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 2 | ExMarkCo Chair + Secretary | |
| | | |
| 3 | IECEx Executive | |
| 3 | ExCBs (License Issuing) | |
| 3 | Manufactuerers | 2 |
| 3 | Regulatory Interests | 3 |
| 1 | Users | 2 |
| 1 | Service Providers | 1 |
| | Training Providers | 1 |

EXMC Members are requested to consider nominations for the other vacant positions.



9.4 Issues of Misuse

Notification of misuse of the IECEx Conformity Mark and IECEx Logo

- IECEx Secretariat supported by the Executive constantly monitor use of the IECEx Marks and Brand and take action where misuse occurs – usually a result of ignorance
- At this stage there are <u>no</u> current *significant* matters requiring either ExMC or CAB involvement.
- Noting that the ExMarkCo Chair and IECEx Secretariat proactively monitor potential misuse
- Members are asked to raise matters relating to misuse of the IECEx Conformity Mark and inform the Secretariat and ExMarkCo



9.5 IECEx TradeMark Protection via Registration

- ❖ Major project for ExMarkCo has been underway to protect the IECEx TradeMark thru formal TradeMark Registrations.
- A 3+ year project so far, which has seen the TradeMark Registrations filed in 54 Jurisdictions which include members States of the European Union (27 Countries) and African OAPI (17 member States) – total 96
- ❖ As @ Sept 2023 Registrations completed = 90 countries
- ❖ A further 6 countries remain for TradeMark Registration,
- ❖ Registrations are valid for 10 years with a renewal fee cost estimated to be around 40% of the initial fee – IECEx will need to budget for.



Thank You