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

**Circulated to: IECEx Testing and Assessment Group (ExTAG) and IECEx Assessors**

**Title: Participation in the IECEx Proficiency Testing Program**

The IECEx Secretariat is taking this opportunity to remind all IECEx Accepted ExTLs, as well as Applicant ExTLs, that participation in the IECEx Proficiency Testing Program, in accordance with IECEx Operational Document OD 202 *IECEx Proficiency Testing Program,* and *IECEx Rules of Procedure, IECEx 02,* Clause 11.2.1, is mandatory.

Therefore non participation in the Proficiency Testing Program is a breach of the IECEx Scheme, 02, Rules of Procedure.

The Secretariat is now reviewing the list of participating TLs, in consultation with the Program provider, PTB, and will be contacting those ExTLs that, at present, are not participating.

We therefore suggest that ExTLs and Applicant ExTLs contact the Program provider, PTB, regarding their participation at

[**mailto:Ex-proficiency-testing@ptb.de**](mailto:Ex-proficiency-testing@ptb.de)

This circular is copied to IECEx Assessors for information.

With kind regards

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