### INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC) SYSTEM

**FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR**

**USE IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SYSTEM)**

**NOTICE TO ALL ExCBS**

**Title: ExMC Decision to Amend OD 233 – re IEC 60079-33**

**Circulation: ExTAG Members, IECEx Officers**

##### IECEx SECRETARIAT NOTICE

SUBJECT:  During the September 2016 ExMC Annual meeting held in Umhlanga, South Africa, ExMC recorded the following decision concerning the application of OD 233

**Decision 2016/60**

*The Meeting agreed with the proposal that we prepare an immediate revision of IECEx OD 233 to (i) remove the role of the IECEx Executive, and (ii) to review the conflict of competencies as proposed by AU, for vote by ExMC by correspondence, by a new ad hoc Working Group convened by Mr Munro with experts from DE, FR, USA and GB.*

*The ad hoc Working Group will conduct a further full revision of OD 233 taking into account comments from ExTAG and other items raised in discussion and report to the next ExMC.*

In line with this decision, ExCBs are advised that while IEC 60079-33 may be assigned to their scope, processing of applications for IECEx Certification are not to be finalised and CoCs are NOT TO BE issued until the agreed amendments to OD 233 have been published.

This ExMC decision does not prevent ExCBs and ExTLs from proceeding to include IEC 60079-33 within their scope.

Please be advised of this decision and adjust your internal procedures accordingly.  The IECEx Secretariat will inform ExCBs once the amended version of OD 233 has been published.

Feel free to contact the IECEx Secretariat for any questions.

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