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

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**Report from the Convener of ExTAG WG6: Rules of Procedure for testing at other locations**

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ExTAG WG6 Last met during the 2019 IECEx Operational Meetings and reported its work and recommendations to the 2019 ExTAG Dubai Meeting (re ExTAG/554/R).

Discussions and agreements arising from the 2019 IECEx Dubai meetings led to publication of Edition 3.1 of OD 024 in November 2019. Changes included in Edition 3.1 mainly relate to

* Inclusion of a definition “**Test Program**”
* Clarification that an IECEx ATF (Additional Test Facility) does not fall under the rules of OD 024
* Updating of references, including reference to IECEE OD 2048 Utilization of customers Testing Facilities, that maybe taken into account during assessments of test facilities
* Expansion of Clause 6.7.3 “Partially witnessed testing – general requirements”

In addition to agreeing to publish Edition 3.1 of OD 024, the 2019 Dubai Meetings also agreed on tasking the Secretariat with the role of moving from an internal register of Test Facilities to an on-line version that is accessible to ExCBs and ExTLs.

The Secretariat is currently working with their IT to develop this provision with expected completion during Q4 of 2020. In line with this new IT feature, the Secretariat plans to prepare an administrative update to OD 024 that explains access to this on-line Register.

ExTAG Members are requested to note this report during the 2020 Remote ExTAG meeting.

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