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Reports**

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This document contains information and comments from the US Member Body concerning Agenda item 15.1 Regional Reports of the 2021 ExMC Meeting Agenda (ExMC/1729B/DA) for information and discussion.

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## VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEX Comment Regarding the Agenda for the 2021 ExMC Meeting, Item 15.1, *Regional Report*

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEX thanks the Executive for providing this opportunity to provide the US Regional Report in accordance with the 2021 ExMC Agenda Item 15.1:

### **Name of Member Body**

- US National Committee for the IECEX

### **Any changes in Market approach or Regulations regarding use of IECEX deliverables that maybe of interest to other IECEX Members**

- OSHA announced the effective date of their October 2019 directive for NRTL Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines is postponed another year with the new effective date being October 2022
- Coast Guard announced a proposed rulemaking to update the standards that are incorporated by reference in 46 CFR 110.10–1 and all of the sections in subchapter J, which provide detailed specifications for electrical equipment used by vessels while reducing the reliance on unique Coast Guard standards where industry standards are sufficient. Comments must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 21, 2021.

### **Any ideas for marketing or growth of IECEX**

- A working group is in process with the US Coast Guard for updates to their recognized 60079 series standards, as listed in the 46 Code of Federal Regulations. Coast Guard is to be applauded for relying as much as possible on existing industry consensus standards in the proposed rule, having referenced the 60079 series of standards 106 times.

### **Any concerns that the Member Body may have**

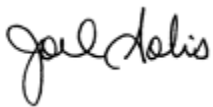
- Voluntary participation of US based ExCBs and ExTLs when the US government has imposed sanctions against certain countries, which prohibits specific transactions of goods, technology, or services. Currently the USNC/IECEX is working through ANSI on the preparation of a legal analysis memo to further confirmation that U.S. persons may participate in IEC conformity assessment-setting activity and its National Certification Bodies may participate in its conformity assessment schemes.

**Any other information that the Member Body wishes to share, e.g. planned events etc**

- US published their national differences for the mechanical standards 80079-36 and 80079-37; however, to date there are no accredited bodies for the use or regulatory direction for use of these non-electrical standards.
- Sponsorship opportunity for sponsoring the 2022 IEC General Meeting in San Francisco, CA (US) as hosted by the US National Committee for the IEC. Further information can be found at [www.ansi.org/usnc](http://www.ansi.org/usnc).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Secretary, USNC/IECEX