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

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**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Country** | **Vote** | **Comment** |
| AUSTRALIA | Yes |  |
| BRAZIL | Yes | See Annex A |
| CANADA | Yes |  |
| CROATIA | Yes |  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | Yes |  |
| DENMARK | Abstain |  |
| FINLAND | Yes |  |
| FRANCE | Abstain |  |
| GERMANY | Yes |  |
| GREECE | Yes |  |
| HUNGARY | Yes |  |
| INDIA | Yes |  |
| ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN | Abstain | See Annex A |
| ISRAEL | Yes |  |
| ITALY | Yes |  |
| JAPAN | Yes |  |
| KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA | Yes |  |
| MALAYSIA | Yes |  |
| NETHERLANDS | Yes |  |
| NEW ZEALAND | Yes |  |
| PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA | Yes |  |
| POLAND | Abstain |  |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | Yes |  |
| RUSSIA | Yes |  |
| SINGAPORE | Yes |  |
| SLOVENIA | Yes |  |
| SOUTH AFRICA | Yes |  |
| SPAIN | Yes |  |
| SWEDEN | Abstain |  |
| SWITZERLAND | Yes |  |
| TURKEY | Yes |  |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | Yes |  |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Yes |  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | Yes |  |

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| **Members Voting: 36**  **Members in favour: 29**  **Abstain: 5 Not received: 2** | **Final decision: Approved**  **Status on : 21 09 26** |

**ANNEX A**

**BR**

BR NC suggests that in cases where only one CB or TL of the same organization is assessed, it is recorded the evaluation of the independence between the CB and TL.

**Secretariat Response**

We note that as compliance with ISO/IEC 17065 is a fundamental requirement for all ExCBs, and that ISO/IEC 17065 includes specific requirements surrounding independence and separation between evaluation / testing of the product and the Certification Decision. In particular we note Clause 7.6 and subclauses dedicated to the certification decision and other clauses also addressing independence, e.g. 4.28, 4.2.10 and 5.1.4 as examples. The Secretariat agrees with BR on the importance of this aspect especially when dealing with Organisations that are both ExTL and ExCB.

**IR**

1. Refer to the Article 1.4.1, page 5, the assessment team shall be at least 2 persons for better assessment, not only one person.  
   2) Overall Organization chart in Annex B, page 18, is in Chinese language, So we can not recognize the contents, it would be better to be translated in English.  
   3) Annexes D& E are in Chinese language So, it would be better to be translated in English.

**Secretariat Response**

We note the comments of IR with thanks and while normally 2 persons would be assigned as the assessment team, the provisions of IECEx OD 060 “*IECEx Guide to Business Continuity – Management of Extraordinary Circumstances or Events Affecting IECEx Certification Schemes and Activities”* make provision for optimum use of the IECEx Assessor Resources. We note the language of the Annex and feel that these attachments are true copies of the original which have been checked by the assessor and Secretariat.