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

## Title: US Comments Regarding IECEx OD 060

To: Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

**Introduction**

This document contains comments for the USNC/IECEx regarding IECEx Operational Document OD 060 – Business Continuity measures.

These comments along with other matters will be considered during the September 2023 IECEx Management Committee meeting in Edinburgh.

**IECEx Secretariat**

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEx comment on ExMC/1941/prDA, item 6.5,

IECEx Operational Document OD 060 – *Extraordinary Circumstances*

Dear Chris:

The USNC/IECEx presents the following comments on ExMC agenda item 6.5:

With respect to 1.5 of ExMC/1977/DV, given that the audit in question was planned prior to January 1, 2023, it is necessary to consider a cut-off point for applying Decision 2022/09 for allowing remote assessments, where after a certain date, all audits are to be in person.

To this end, we propose the following new Decision:

Decision 2023/XX

After 1 January 2024, Peer Assessments shall ensure that the Assessment Team assigned by the IECEx Secretariat conducts the audit in person unless otherwise provided for (for example, in an IECEx OD).

After 1 January 2024, manufacturer/service facility audits shall ensure that the ExCB conducts the audits in person unless otherwise provided for (for example, in an IECEx OD).

The IECEx Secretariat shall monitor the issue of equity among the System (for example, to ensure that audit planning into the longer term is consistent with the spirit and intent of the above requirements.

Additionally, the ExAG and ExSFC are tasked to work on proposing additional guidelines for use of remote assessments of bodies and service facilities respectively and ExMC WG5 to work on updating OD 025 for the use of remote auditing of manufacturers. These proposals are to be first submitted for consideration by the Executive and then voting for approval to publish by correspondence by the ExMC.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Leibowitz

USNC/IECEx Secretary

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cc: S. Kiddle