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**INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION SYSTEM FOR
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IN EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SYSTEM)**

## Title: US Comments Regarding Report from ExMC WG5 – Manufacturers Quality System Requirements

To: Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

**Introduction**

This document contains comments for the USNC/IECEx regarding a Report from ExMC WG5 – Manufacturers Quality System Requirements.

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

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEx comment on ExMC/1941/prDA, item 8.4, Report from ExMC WG5 – *Manufacturers Quality System Requirements*

Dear Chris:

The USNC/IECEx presents the following comments on ExMC agenda item 8.4:

* There is not the same need for updating F-001 as there is with Annex A of F-003 by the ExAG. Therefore, USNC/IECEx does not agree with Recommendation 2 of the WG5 report ExMC/1934/RM, to permit ExMC WG5 to prepare and publish future revisions of F-001 without need of a formal ballot prior to publication.
* On proposed updates to F-001 in ExMC/1960/DV, we request the following:

	+ An update of the contents to remove deleted clause 5
	+ For the “Locations audited” field, an indication that the audit was performed onsite, remotely or hybrid audit
	+ For the “Ex equipment with type(s) of protection” field, all protection methods/standards should be presented
	+ A revision on page 2 of the parenthetical note for Non-Conformities to read: …*Individual non-conformities are recorded on the non-conformity report~~s~~ (F-002)*
* On proposed revisions to OD 025 in ExMC/1935/DV, we request the following:

	+ 7.3.1, Pre-audit document review: Remote audits shall include a pre-audit document review should be changed to “should include…”

Also, the sentence “A date for the remote audit and methods (for example, video conferencing) will then be agreed” should be deleted because it is not necessary for these to happen sequentially.

* + 7.3.2, For video conference remote audits, modify the second bullet point to read: video tour of the facility, witnessing of measuring equipment and routine testing, if applicable.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Leibowitz

USNC/IECEx Secretary

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cc: S. Kiddle