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

***Title: Summary of Voting results*** ***on ExMC/1977/DV IECEx Assessment Report for the acceptance of Energy and Power Industries Laboratories Co., (EPIL) Iran, to become an IECEx Accepted Certification Body (ExCB) and an IECEx Accepted Ex Testing Laboratory (ExTL) in the IECEx System, Equipment Scheme, IECEx 02***

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**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Country** | **Vote** | **Comment** |
| AUSTRALIA | ABSTAIN |  |
| BRAZIL | ABSTAIN |  |
| CANADA | YES |  |
| CROATIA | YES |  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | YES |  |
| DENMARK | ABSTAIN |  |
| FINLAND | YES |  |
| FRANCE | ABSTAIN | See Annex A |
| GERMANY | YES |  |
| GREECE | YES |  |
| HUNGARY | NR |  |
| INDIA | YES |  |
| ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN | YES |  |
| ISRAEL | NO | See Annex A |
| ITALY | NR |  |
| JAPAN | ABSTAIN |  |
| KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA | ABSTAIN |  |
| MALAYSIA | YES |  |
| NETHERLANDS | YES |  |
| NEW ZEALAND | ABSTAIN |  |
| NORWAY | ABSTAIN |  |
| PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA | YES |  |
| POLAND | ABSTAIN |  |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | NR |  |
| ROMANIA | YES |  |
| RUSSIA | YES |  |
| SINGAPORE | YES |  |
| SLOVENIA | ABSTAIN |  |
| SOUTH AFRICA | YES |  |
| SPAIN | ABSTAIN |  |
| SWEDEN | YES |  |
| SWITZERLAND | ABSTAIN |  |
| TURKEY | YES |  |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | YES |  |
| UNITED KINGDOM | ABSTAIN |  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | NO | See Annex A |
| **Members Voting: 36****Members in favour: 18****Against:2****Abstain: 13** **NR: 2** | **Final decision: Approved** |
| **Status on 230918** |

***Do you agree with the Assessment Team’s recommendation for the acceptance of Energy and Power Industries Laboratories Co., (EPIL) Iran, to become an IECEx Accepted Certification Body (ExCB) and an IECEx Accepted Ex Testing Laboratory (ExTL) in the IECEx System, Equipment Scheme, IECEx 02?***

**ANNEX A**

**FR**

**Submitted with comment**

Due to the international sanctions the French organisations of IECEx won't be able to accept ExCB and ExTR of the Iranian body.

Concerning remote audits, FR Member would like to re-open the use and the limitation to ensure that an organisation will be on-site assessed as soon as possible and that the acceptance will be time limited without on-site audit.

**Secretariat response**

FR Comment noted. Also noted is the decision 2023/11 from the September 2023 ExMC Meeting that addresses the questions of future use of IECEx OD 060.

**IL**

As per the Israeli regulatory instructions - Iran is a country under severe international sanctions, limitations and embargos. Certifying an Iranian laboratory in relation to equipment used in explosive atmospheres would be inappropriate, and would cast a shadow over the professional standing of the IECEx

**Secretariat response**

In noting the remark, this is not a matter for IECEx.

**US**

In accordance with US regulation, USNC/IECEx is prohibited from supporting an ExCB and ExTL from a US-trade-sanctioned country. This is consistent with 10.2 of CA 01 as this would violate, or cause acts which violate US law.

**Secretariat response**

US Remark Noted.