**The Twenty Sixth Meeting of the ExTAG**

**held in** **Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil – Tuesday 24th September 2024**

***Confirmed Decisions List***

This document, ExTAG/738/DL, contains the list of Decisions as recorded during the 2024 meeting of the ExTAG Technical Meeting held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil on 24th September 2024. The decisions were recorded by the IECEx Secretariat during the meeting, with each decision confirmed during the meeting prior to moving on to the next agenda item.

These Decisions should be read in conjunction with ExTAG (2024 ExTAG Chair Report)02 as the ExTAG Chairman’s Report to ExMC 2024

***Dr Frank Lienesch***

***ExTAG Chair***

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**MEETING CHAIR:** **Dr. Frank Lienesch IECEx ExTAG Chair**

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# Opening and Welcome, ExTAG Chair Dr. Frank Lienesch

## The meeting commenced at 0900 (9:00am) on Tuesday 24th September 2024.

# Approval of the Agenda

**Decision 2024/01**

Members approved the Draft Agenda of the 26th ExTAG Meeting as circulated as ExTAG/724B/DA.

# Report of the ExTAG 2023 Meeting Edinburgh

## 3.1 Report of the last meeting and subsequent action items.

**Decision 2024/02**

Members endorsed the Meeting Report and Decision List from the 2023 ExTAG Meeting as circulated as ExTAG/719/R and ExTAG/716/DL.

## 3.2 Report on the status of Action Items

**Decision 2024/03**

Members endorsed the report from the ExTAG Chairman on the Action Items from the 2023 ExTAG Meeting as circulated as ExTAG/728/R.

# *IECEx Equipment Scheme – Overview*

**Decision 2024/04**

Members accepted the report from the IECEx Secretariat on an overview of the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme activities since the 2023 meeting.

# Technical Items for general discussion within ExTAG

***5.1* Presentation from TC31 WG4 Convenor regarding Spark Test Apparatus and *ExTAG WG08, Common Assessment of IS Equipment and Systems.***

**Decision 2024/05**

Members thanked Mr Gabriel for his presentation and after consideration of the points raised, agreed to:

* Reactivate ExTAG WG08 under the convenorship of Mr David Malohn (Convenor) and [To be nominated] (Deputy Convenor) to prepare a guidance document in cooperation with SC31G WG4 on use of the STA
* Issue a call for nominations for new and additional members of ExTAG WG08
* Task ExTAG WG08 to consider the points raised in the presentation as possible input to a revision of IECEx OD 021

***5.2* Presentation from Guenter Gabriel convenor MT 60079-26 regarding a questionnaire to IECEx ExCBs and ExTLs on how often the method of combining EPLs Gb to achieve EPL Ga has been used in conformity assessments.**

**Decision 2024/06**

Members thanked Mr Gabriel for his presentation and after consideration of the points raised, agreed for the Secretariat to work with Mr Gabriel to issue the survey and via JWG 50 prepare a report for presentation to MT 60079-26.

#  Performance feedback from ExCBs and ExTLs

## 6.1 Co-operation between IECEx Bodies

No decision recorded however the meeting noted members remarks and the Chair’s comments about the importance of cooperation and the reminder of the obligations of Clause 10.1 of IECEx 02 on bodies.

# ExTAG Working Group Status – Review

## 7.1 ExTAG WG 01, Preparation and maintenance of ExTRs

**Decision 2024/07**

Members accepted the report (as circulated as ExTAG/732A/R) from ExTAG WG 01 prepared by the Convener, Mr Scott Kiddle.

**Decision 2024/08**

Members considered the original proposal from ExTAG WG01 (as circulated as ExTAG/726/CD) and the late submission of comments from Mr Gauthier and then agreed that the proposed draft revision of IECEx OD 010-2 be returned to ExTAG WG 01 for further consideration of Mr Gauthier’s comments.

**Decision 2024/09**

Members agreed that the proposed revision of the ExTR Cover Sheet (as circulated as ExTAG/727/CD) be returned to ExTAG WG 01 for further consideration of Mr Gauthier’s comments.

**Decision 2024/10**

Members agreed that the action assigned regarding ExTAG 2014/001 be completed by the revision of IECEx OD 011-2 and that the DS be reviewed by the ExTAG Officers for revision or withdrawal.

**Decision 2024/11**

Members supported the provision of guidance as Recommendation #4 from ExTAG/732A/R but rejected that the proposed actions regarding hyperlinks.

**Decision 2024/12**

Members agreed that the proposed actions for Recommendation #5 from ExTAG/732A/R proceed.

**Decision 2024/13**

Members agreed that the proposed actions for Recommendation #6 from ExTAG/732A/R proceed.

## 7.2 ExTAG WG 03 Documentation and Drawing Requirements

**Decision 2024/14**

Members accepted the report (as circulated as ExTAG/734/R) from ExTAG WG 03 Convener, Mr Ron Webb. Members also agreed that Mr Scott Kiddle be appointed as the Convenor of ExTAG WG 03 with Mr Webb as Deputy Convenor. The Meeting also supported the addition of Mr Maira to the membership of ExTAG WG 03.

## 7.3 ExTAG WG 06 Rules of procedures for Testing at Other Locations

No decision recorded.

## 7.4 ExTAG WG 10 Proficiency Testing

**Decision 2024/15**

Members accepted the report from ExTAG WG 10 Convener, Tim Krause as circulated as ExTAG/733/R.

**Decision 2024/16**

Members supported the proposed draft revision of IECEx OD 202 (as circulated as ExMC/2094/DV) from ExTAG WG 10 and recommends to the ExMC that this proceed to publication as circulated. The Meeting also supports the further review to capture actions arising from action signals.

**Decision 2024/17**

Members supported the proposal from ExTAG WG10 regarding the future programs of STA Calibration (IEC 60079-11) and Surface Temperature (IEC 60079-0).

# Standards Matters and Collaboration with Technical Committees

## 8.1 IEC TC 31 – Matters of Interest to ExTAG

**Decision 2024/18**

Members accepted the report from the IECEx Liaison Officer, Tim Krause on behalf of the IEC TC31 Chair.

## 8.2 Special Conditions and discussions with TC31 AG55

**Decision 2024/19**

Members accepted a verbal report from the Secretariat regarding collaboration with TC31 AG55 regarding Specific Conditions of Use requirements for certificate content. Members also supported the cooperation and ongoing work with TC31 AG55.

## 8.3 Other Technical Committee matters

**Decision 2024/20**

Members accepted a verbal report from the Secretariat on behalf of Dr Arnhold regarding the work of ExMC WG19 and the official liaisons with ISO TC 197 and IEC TC 105.

#  ExTAG Decision Sheets – Current Status

## 9.1 Current Status

## 9.1.1 Current list of ExTAG Decision Sheets and their location

No decision recorded.

## 9.1.2 Decision sheets and Draft DS dealt with since the 2023 ExTAG meeting

No decision recorded.

## 9.2 Decision Sheets now falling under the 5 year review requiring confirmation

## 9.2.1 Decision Sheets falling under the 5 year review

No decision recorded – refer Meeting Report for assigned actions on this agenda item.

## 9.3 Review of process for the preparation and approval of Decision Sheets

**Decision 2024/21**

Members supported the proposed draft revision of IECEx OD 035 (as circulated as ExTAG/730/CD) and recommends to the ExMC that this proceed to publication as circulated.

**9.4 Documents to be withdrawn**

**9.4.1**  **Draft decision sheet ExTAG/699/CD**

No decision recorded.

# ExTAG Proposed Decision Sheets in progress

##  Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet circulated as ExTAG/722A/CD

**Decision 2024/22**

Members considered the comments (as circulated as ExTAG/725/CC) on Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet DS (as circulated as ExTAG/722A/CD) and agreed to publish a revised DS as prepared during the meeting and made available as ExTAG/722B/CD.

##  Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet circulated as ExTAG/720B/CD

**Decision 2024/23**

Membersconsidered the comments on ExTAG/720B/CD (as circulated as ExTAG/725/CC) on Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet DS and the subsequent ExTAG/720B/CD and agreed for it to proceed to publication.

# New topics (suggestions for topics to be dealt with during the next ExTAG Meeting)

**Decision 2024/24**

Members considered the comments from Mr Allen regarding the provision of information to equipment operators and agreed that more discussion is warranted via JWG50. Members are reminded of the requirements of Clauses 24 and 30 of IEC 60079-0 and also other applicable Standards as they relate to requirements for manufacturers’ instructions.

# Contact with other International and Regional Bodies – Status review

**Decision 2024/25**

Members noted the verbal report by the Executive Secretary based on the document circulated as ExMC/1606/INF.

**Decision 2024/26**

Members noted the verbal report by Mr Omerovic regarding the activities of CASCO WG61.

**Decision 2024/27**

Members noted the verbal report by Dr Lienesch regarding the activities of UNECE WP6.

# Matters for proposal to ExMC

No Decision recorded

# Other Business

**Decision 2024/28**

Members considered the proposal (as circulated as ExMC/2101/CD) from AU regarding manufacturer email contact details and did not support the proposal.

# Confirmation of next meeting, year and place

**Decision 2024/29**

Members noted that planned ExMC meeting dates and program for 15th -19th September 2025 in Japan and confirmed a preference for convening the 2025 ExTAG meeting (in person only) in conjunction with the ExMC meeting.

# Close of Meeting at 17:10