

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

Title: United Nations release of the new UNECE CRO (Common Regulatory Objective) covering Explosive Atmospheres

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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations has just released, for publication, the new CRO (Common Regulatory Objective) document to serve as an International model for legislation in the sector of equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere, aimed at assisting countries that have no regulatory framework in the explosive equipment sector, with an internationally accepted model to serve as a blueprint for new legislation. Countries and areas can also use this CRO when revising or updating any existing legislation.

The origins for this CRO Publication relate to the acceptance by the UNECE WP 6, of a previous German initiative for a project to develop an International regulatory model covering Equipment for Explosive Environments.

This project, known as the UNECE WP6 Sectoral Initiative for Explosive Environments involved work spread across some 4 years to arrive at the United Nations release of this CRO Publication, involving a combination of Information gathering of the various legal frameworks in place, Consultation with Regulators, Industry and Stakeholders and Drafting and review meetings.

Worldwide experts, including those from IEC TC 31 and IECEx have been actively involved in the development of this project and we are sure would be very proud to see their contributions realised with the United Nations release of this publication.

We therefore provide a copy of the new CRO Publication (via e-mail) which will also be placed on the IECEx website. It is also our intension to have printed copies available as well.

*Kind regards
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