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**Title: The US National Committee (USNC/IECEx) comment per
ExMC/460/CD, “applications are made using forms ExMC/47E/Q for ExCBs
and ExMC/48E/Q for ExTLs.”**

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains comment from the US National Committee (USNC/IECEx) per ExMC/460/CD, “applications are made using forms ExMC/47E/Q for ExCBs and ExMC/48E/Q for ExTLs.

This document is provided to members for information and discussion under Item 8.4.2 of **ExMC/459B/DA** Draft Agenda during the ExMC Meeting, Paris, 2008

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Subject: ExMC/460/CD, ExMC Agenda item 8.4.2

Dear Mr. Agius:

Inasmuch as the subject paper is an Item for Discussion by ExMC, the USNC/IECEE offers the following public comment.

Per ExMC/460/CD, “applications are made using forms ExMC/47E/Q for ExCBs and ExMC/48E/Q for ExTLs.” The experience of ExCBs and ExTLs in the United States is that the applications are sent to the IECEEx Secretariat, thence to the assessment team that will assess the certification body or testing laboratory.

These application forms contain some of the information that ultimately appears in the body’s assessment report, but not nearly all of it. As a consequence, a separate report must be wholly written on site by the assessment team, and little of the information can be cut and pasted from the assessed body’s application.

This is not an efficient process, and as a result, the assessors’ time and the assessed body’s funds are not well used. USNC/IECEEx concludes that all involved would be better served if the assessed body were required to complete a draft of the assessment report, as complete as practical, in advance, and send it to the Secretariat for retransmittal to the assessment team. The draft assessment report could be sent with the application, or in fact could replace documents ExMC/47E/Q and ExMC/48E/Q as the applications do not contain any information which does not ultimately appear in the assessment report.

We note that the procedure described above is currently used by the IECEE CB Scheme, where forms OD-CB2004 and OD-CB2005 are submitted as application forms and used as assessment/re-assessment reports. USNC/IECEEx members who also participate in IECEE report that the assessment process has been more efficient since application and report forms have been unified.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit these comments. We look forward to participating in the discussion at the ExMC meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Delis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Delis" clearly distinguishable.

Secretary, USNC/IECEX

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