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Dear Mr Agius

#### **IECEX New Work - Competencies**

The Australian National Member Body would like to introduce a new area of work within the IECEX Scheme covering 'Competencies for working with electrical equipment for hazardous areas'. IEC 60079 Parts 14, 17, 19, IEC 61241 Part 14 and 17 among others require that work is carried out by persons who are competent/skilled and yet there is no mechanism to ensure this is carried out. In particular, with the introduction of the Repair and Overhaul Service Facility requirements the competent person in the service facility plays a vital role in ensuring the integrity of repaired apparatus. In many other areas it is desirable that persons have the capability of demonstrating their competence and the ability to be assessed and provided with a certificate would be an enormous advantage.

The Australian National Member Body strongly supports this new work areas for IECEX and are prepared to nominate a convenor for a working group to progress this work. We have attached a draft document for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mr José David

for the Australian National Member Body  
(Standards Australia)