



Secretariat

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

### IEC SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS FOR SAFETY OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SCHEME)

**For the Information of:** Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

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#### Introductory Note

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Industry Cooperation on Standards and Conformity Assessment (ICSCA) was held in Tokyo during July 2003.

This document provides a list of the resolutions from the Tokyo meeting and is issued to ExMC Members for information.

It is anticipated that a representative from ICSCA will be attending the 2003 ExMC Budapest meeting to provide ExMC Members with additional information.

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# ICSCA X

July 2, 2003, Tokyo, Japan

## Final Resolutions

### **Welcome of Guests:**

CIAJ President, Mr. Shigeru IKEDA; METI, Yoshinobu TSUJI; METI, Tomosaburo YANO; METI, Tomosaburo YANO; IEC President, Dr. Sei-ichi TAKAYANAGI; ISO President, Ollie SMOOT; ITU, Yukio HIRAMATSU; Reitaku University Japan, Prof. Iwao TAKA; JSA, Tatsu SAWADA; JSA, Prof. Shogo SAKAKURA; JSA, Mr. Hiroo WAKAI; RWE, Peter SCHILDGE; ILAC and NATA, Tony RUSSELL; IECEX, Chris AGUIS

### **Welcome of Observers:**

JAB, Yuichiro ISU; JEITA-CASC/Fujitsu-General, Masami KATO; JEITA-CASC/Pioneer, Ushio WATANABE; JEITA-CASC/HP-Japan, Masaaki TAGAMI; JEITA-CASC/HP-Japan, Masaharu KUBOTA; JEITA-CASC/SONY, Kazuaki ISHIKAWA; JEITA-CASC/DENON, Yutaka MAEDA; JEITA-CASC/IBM-Japan, Toshia TATSUTA; JEITA-CASC/IBM-Japan, Yoshinori KIMURA; JEITA-CASC/JEITA, Takashi KUWABARA; JEITA-CASC/JEITA, Tomio KOMATSU; Toshiba, Shuji HIRAKAWA; Fujitsu, Hirokazu NARITA; Omron, Shizuo FUKADA; JEMA, Ryotaro KONDO; JEMA, Shunji TOYA

### **Welcome of Members:**

BSH Bosch Siemens Household Appliances, CIAJ, Ericsson, Fujitsu, Hitachi, HP, IBM, John Deere, Moeller, Motorola, NEC, NOKIA, Panasonic, Philips, Rockwell Automation, RWE Net, Siemens, SONY, Sun, Toshiba

### **International Standardization Policies, current state of discussion, perspectives**

ICSCA X expresses its sincere appreciation to the IEC President Dr. Sei-ichi Takayanagi, the ISO President Ollie Smoot, the Japan Representative of ITU-T Mr. Yukio Hiramatsu, and Mr. TSUJI from METI, for giving their insight into the organizations' foreseen focus and developments.

Based on the perspectives given, and the discussion of Global Relevancy, Direct Participation, and Weighted Voting, the ICSCA will draft its vision for the international standardization system, and is grateful for the opportunity to present this vision to ISO, IEC and ITU-T, in due course.

### **TABD, Transatlantic Business Dialogue**

ICSCA X welcomes the reconstitution of the TABD process and endorses both the focus on global regulatory and standard harmonization and its revised approach. ICSCA members commit themselves to participate with the TABD Leadership team to achieve success.

ICSCA X considers these TABD efforts as a good step towards better global harmonization of governmental regulation.

### **CSR, Corporate Social Responsibility**

ICSCA X, having expressed its high appreciation on the contributions made by Mr. Fukada (Keidanren) and Prof. Taka (University Reitaku),

- notes the recent developments at the ISO Special Advisory Group on Social Responsibility



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- encourages all contributors to the ISO Technical Report to neutrally gather all relevant initiatives, including those practiced by industry and particularly globally acting companies, and
- will closely follow the further developments at ISO
- encourages ICSCA members to be prepared to contribute to the foreseen Justification Study.

### **International Co-operation in the frame of the WSC (World Standards Cooperation)**

Recognizing the evolution of the WSC and the chances given to address, per subject area, all standardization organizations involved,

- underlines its general support of the WSC
- supports the pilot workshop on "Health Care and Medical Devices", and
- asks ICSCA members of the Medical Sector to actively contribute.

### **Conformity Assessment, Example IECEx**

Where specific markets require third-party certification, ICSCA X notes with great interest the efficient structures, precise stakeholder involvement and working processes of the IECEx (IEC Scheme for conformity assessment for products in use in the area of explosive atmospheres) and encourages other globally acting conformity assessment schemes to take it as a good learning example.

ICSCA X appreciates the invitation expressed for ICSCA to participate in the IECEx meeting in October 2003 in Budapest.

### **ISO-CASCO Developments**

ICSCA X notes that CASCO has requested greater involvement of industry stakeholders, and, ICSCA X notes that it meets the requirements to be a Liaison Body. Therefore, ICSCA X resolves to pursue discussions with CASCO to become a Liaison Body (A) with CASCO.

### **International Market Surveillance, the European ICSMS System**

- ICSCA Members recognize the importance of a common and highly efficient European Market Surveillance System and appreciate the effort of some European States to develop and implement ICSMS as a Europe-wide Market Surveillance System.
- ICSCA encourages its European members from those countries not participating to the ICSMS to date, to point out the advantages of the system to their responsible Market Surveillance bodies and urge them to join the project.
- ICSCA encourages its non-European members to make themselves familiar with ICSMS and to promote its adoption in their countries where applicable.

### **Potential extension of ISO 9000 Transition date**

Taking into account that

- the decision to offer a 3 year transition period for accredited certification, ending 2003-12-15, has been unanimously agreed to by all stakeholder groups,
- a transition period of three years is appropriate and in line with the normal re-certification timeframe,
- the rationale for an extension of the transition period with an unexpected low conversion rate is not reasonable,
- any extension of the transition period undermines the credibility of ISO, IAF and accredited certification as a whole,

ICSCA X urgently request IAF, ISO and all accreditation bodies not to prolong the transition



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period for accredited ISO 9001 certification/registration.
<p><b>Global Environmental Standards and Regulations</b></p> <p>ICSCA X recognizes the growing number of proposals for new standards and regulations focused on preserving the environment and achieving sustainable development as well as their potential impact on global trade.</p> <p>ICSCA members, as internationally acting enterprises, agree that sustainability relative to the environment is an imperative but the increasing volume and variety of proposals many of which do not meet the ICSCA vision of standards and regulations adding value.</p> <p>Therefore, ICSCA X believes that standard and regulatory proposals relating to the environment are within the scope of the organization and will seek to leverage its influence on this developing body of work.</p>
<p><b>New Deliverables, ITA (Industry Technical Agreement of IEC)</b></p> <p>ICSCA X endorses the IEC/ITA deliverable from IEC, and encourages Industry to recognize and make more use of this new tool.</p> <p>Since experiences made with IEC/ITA so far are good, the ICSCA encourages the IEC to further promote the ITA particularly towards consortia and fora as relevant.</p>
<p><b>Appreciation</b></p> <p>ICSCA X participants express their sincerest thanks to the Japanese Colleagues for the perfect preparation and provided infrastructure for the meeting, emphasizing that being always a fine prerequisite for successful meetings.</p>
<p><b>Date and Place for ICSCA XI</b></p> <p>ICSCA members present express their gratitude to Dr. Ulrich Spindler for his offer to hold the next meeting, on 23, 24 and 25 March 2004, in Bonn/Germany at Moeller Holding.</p>
<p><b>Date and Place for ICSCA XII</b></p> <p>The meeting will be scheduled for January/February 2005, in Austin/Texas. Members express their thanks to Dale Misczynski for arranging further details.</p>