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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

SUBJECT

List of decisions taken by the CAB at its 21st meeting held in Sydney (AU) on 2007-05-31

Decision 21/1 — *CAB Agenda*

The CAB approves the revised draft agenda presented in document CAB/666B/DA.

Decision 21/2 — *CAB Strategic Plan*

The CAB resolves that the CAB Strategic Plan 2007 given in CAB/671/R, with the amendments approved during this meeting, be circulated to the CAB for approval by correspondence and subsequent submission to the Council Board.

Decision 21/3 — *Inclusion of Conformity Assessment in WSC ToR*

The CAB recommends to the Council Board that consideration be given to proposing an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the WSC to make specific reference to the promotion of global conformity assessment and the ISO/IEC Guides and Standards (on which global conformity assessment is based) in conjunction with the promotion of international consensus-based technical standards.

Decision 21/4 — *CAB WG on Energy Efficiency*

Noting the formation by the SMB of a Strategic Group on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources and the potential requirement for associated conformity assessment, the CAB decides to establish a Working Group on Energy Efficiency with the following initial Terms of Reference:

- Review the adequacy of the current ToR and suggest improvements.
- Identify all sectors of electrotechnology (products, systems), where current and future energy efficiency developments may give rise to a market need for conformity assessment, and also identify the resulting needs.
- Develop a road map to guide IEC's response to these needs.

Initial membership of the Working Group will be from Australia, China, France, Japan, IECQ and IECEE. The Working Group is requested to assess the need for additional expertise in the membership and recommend any necessary changes at the Paris meeting of the CAB.

Decision 21/5 — IECEx Mark

The CAB notes that documentation for the introduction of an IECEx Mark is essentially complete and requests the IECEx, as soon as possible, to submit a proposal for the Mark System to the CAB for approval by correspondence.

Decision 21/6 — Derogation from the Directives for IEC 61400-22

After considering a report on the proposal by TC 88 to develop an IEC International Standard setting out requirements for certification of wind turbines, the CAB is of the view that it cannot support the granting of a derogation by the SMB to allow the publication of IEC 61400–22 as a standard.

Decision 21/7 — Normative documents approved for use by the IEC Schemes

Noting that each of the Schemes' Basic Rules includes restrictions on the normative documents which may be used by the Scheme and that a variety of document types are currently used, the CAB resolves that documents and document types currently used by the Schemes be accepted as approved, but that in the future any Scheme proposing to utilize a specific document or a type of normative document, which is not an IEC Standard, shall request approval from the CAB for such use.

Decision 21/8 — CASCO WG Reports

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the CASCO WG Coordinators (Gerhard Imgrund, Pierre de Ruvo, Joe Gryn / Heribert Schorn, and Chris Agius) for their continuing participation in the CASCO work as IEC representatives and for their comprehensive and informative reports.

Decision 21/9 — IAF Product Certification Accreditation Group

The CAB approves the proposal for IEC participation in the IAF Product Certification Accreditation Group and requests the IECEE Chairman to be the IEC representative.

Decision 21/10 — Proposed IEC/IAF MoU

The CAB welcomes the proposal for formalization of the cooperative arrangement between IAF and the IEC Schemes and approves the text of the draft IEC/IAF Memorandum of Understanding contained in CAB/663/DV, with rewording of Clause 2f to: *Where practicable, conducting joint work on development of harmonized procedures and policies relevant to the affected certification bodies.*

Decision 21/11 — Appreciation

The CAB expresses its appreciation to Standards Australia and to CEO John Tucker for hosting this meeting and for the arrangements made to ensure a successful outcome.