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CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN
EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SYSTEM)**

Circulation: IECEx Management Committee (ExMC)

**Title: Proposal from US – OD 001 IECEx Membership: Countries, ExCBs
and ExTLs – Revise format and presentation of content**

INTRODUCTION

The attached proposal from the USNC/IECEx proposes a project for the revision of format and presentation of content on OD 001 as presented on the IECEx Website <http://www.iecex.com/directory/bodies/od001.asp> and is presented for discussion and consideration during the 2015 ExMC Christchurch meeting.

Members are requested to consider the proposal ahead of the ExMC meeting.

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Subject: USNC/IECEX Proposal for Christchurch ExMC Agenda - OD 001 IECEx
Membership: Countries, ExCBs and ExTLs – *Revise format and presentation
of content*

Dear Mr. Agius:

Background: The format and presentation contained in the online version of OD 001, *IECEX Membership: Countries, ExCBs and ExTLs*, appears to not be consistently maintained. This inconsistency can result in erroneous perceptions regarding some membership records.

The following are just a few examples of this inconsistency within OD 001:

- For a Testing Organization that supports multiple separately approved ExTLs, sometimes these are shown as part of separate rows and sometimes that are included as part of the same row.
- How multiple testing locations for a single ExTL is conveyed can vary.
- The search criteria by Country can imply that a given ExTL may be under Member Body A because its address is in the country of Member Body A, when in fact it is under Member Body B.

In addition, within OD 001, there is not always an indication of any scope restrictions that may exist regarding the standards and services indicated under the scopes of ExCBs and ExTLs. This can imply an equivalent level of competencies and capabilities across ExCBs and ExTLs with scopes that indicate the same standards and services.

Question: Should the format and presentation of OD 001 be updated to more consistently and clearly convey the scopes and associations of ExCBs and ExTLs?

Answer: The USNC/IECEX proposes that the format and presentation of OD 001 be updated to more consistently and clearly convey the scopes, associations of ExCBs and ExTLs, and any scope limitation. Further, the USNC/IECEX offers its assistance to the

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IECEEx Secretariat to perform this update, with a goal of having the updated OD 001 available for ExMC review by the end of 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Joel Solis, Secretary
USNC/IECEEx