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

**Title: US Comment to Draft Revision of OD 202 (ExTAG/574/CD)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document contains a proposal from the USNC/IECEx for a modification to the draft revision of OD 202 “IECEx Proficiency Testing Program” as presented in ExTAG/574/CD.

While received in time, this document was inadvertently omitted from the final linked agenda.

This document is issued for consideration during the 2019 ExTAG and ExMC Dubai Meetings.

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEX Comment Regarding the Agenda for the 2019 ExMC Meeting, Item 8.2.4, *Operational Document OD 202 (EXTAG/574/CD)*

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEX provides the following comments to Agenda Item 8.2.4, Operational Document OD 202, *IECEX Proficiency Testing Scheme*, Edition 3.0.

We do not support the use of the term “may wish to” in the first paragraph of Clause 12, *Unsatisfactory performance / results*, and Clause 28, *Unsatisfactory performance / results*, and request that it be replaced with “shall”. It is appropriate for Assessors to review ExTL’s QMS procedures for all warning/action signals related to the PTP.

Proposed Change to Clause 12 and 28:

On receipt of the List of Laboratories with warning/action signals report by the IECEX PTS Provider, the Secretariat will file this for future reference so when the DTR is prepared for the initial, mid-term or re-assessment it will include a comment that the Assessor ~~may wish to~~ shall review the ExTLs Quality Management Procedures, which should address any unsatisfactory performance results with corrective action plans

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

Sincerely,

Secretary, USNC/IECEX