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

Title: Proposed clarification on the Register of Test Facilities in IECEx OD024

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document, contains a proposal from Certification and Accreditation Administration of P. R. China, CNCA, concerning the revision of *OD 024 IECEx Rules of Procedure covering testing, or witnessing testing at a manufacturer's or user's facility*

ExMC and ExTAG Members will be asked to consider this proposal during the IECEx 2019 Dubai Meetings.

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Re: Proposed clarification on the Register of Test Facilities in IECEX OD024

**Dear Chris,**

We have the following observations for the ExMC to consider:

- Clause 4.4 *Register of test facilities* of the draft Ed, 3.1 of IECEX OD024 specifies that IECEX Secretary shall publish a register of all OD024 facilities. However, we could not find the Register Information on the Ex website. An effective link will be helpful, especially when the ExCBs review and make decisions to accept ExTRs using OD024 testing facilities.
- Furthermore, OD024 has specified the following sequence to approve and use test facilities.

Step 1: application from test facility

Step 2: initial and on-going assessment;

Step 3: testing agreement among three parties

Step 4: register with IECEX Secretary

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Step 5: perform off-site or witness test

Step 6 : Ex TL makes report

But in practice it appears that the sequence for those steps is not strictly observed. We believe it makes sense that the register with the Secretary shall be done before using the facilities, for the sake of awareness by other Ex members and in line of the transparency principle of the IECEX system.

**We then propose the following revision of the OD024 (in red) for discussion and approval by the ExMC**

#### **4.4 Register of test facilities**

The IECEX Secretary shall maintain and publish **on the IECEX website** a register of participating manufacturers, user test facilities or third party test facilities, together with the associated test standard(s) for which they are qualified. Access to the register shall be limited to ExCBs, ExTLs and IECEX Assessors.

**The approval by ExCB and register with IECEX Secretary shall be done before using test facilities for testing.**

Best wishes



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