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**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Country** | **Vote** | **Comment** |
| AUSTRALIA | Yes | See Annex A |
| BRAZIL | Yes |  |
| CANADA | Yes |  |
| CROATIA | Yes |  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | Yes |  |
| DENMARK | Yes |  |
| FINLAND | Yes |  |
| FRANCE | Abstain | See Annex A |
| GERMANY | Yes |  |
| GREECE | Yes |  |
| HUNGARY | Yes |  |
| INDIA | Yes |  |
| ISRAEL | Yes |  |
| ITALY | Yes |  |
| JAPAN | Yes |  |
| KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA | Yes |  |
| MALAYSIA | Yes |  |
| NETHERLANDS | Yes |  |
| NEW ZEALAND | Yes |  |
| NORWAY | Yes |  |
| PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA | Yes |  |
| POLAND | Yes |  |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | Yes |  |
| ROMANIA | Yes |  |
| RUSSIA | Yes |  |
| SINGAPORE | Yes |  |
| SLOVENIA | Yes |  |
| SOUTH AFRICA | Yes |  |
| SPAIN | NR |  |
| SWEDEN | Abstain |  |
| SWITZERLAND | Abstain |  |
| TURKEY | Yes |  |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | Yes |  |
| UNITED KINGDOM | Yes |  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | Yes |  |
| **Members Voting: 35**  **Members in favour: 31**  **Members against: 0**  **Abstain: 3**  **Not received: 1** | **Final Decision: Approved** | |
| **Status on: 2020 01 10** | |

**Do you agree with the recommendation from the IECEx Assessment team to accept Eurofins Met Lab. Austin Texas and Baltimore, Maryland as IECEx Test laboratories?**

**Yes = In favour No = Against NR = Not received Abstain**

**ANNEX A**

**AU comment**

The AU committee agrees with the recommendation of the assessment team to accept both bodies as IECEx test laboratories, however we expected to see separate reports and voting for each body similar to the query raised by France.

**Secretariat response**

Despite the distance between the locations, the Secretariat understands that both locations use common management system and procedures and also intend to share resources hence feel that a single assessment and qualification process was warranted.

**FR Comment**

The French committee was not clear concerning the location of the 2 sites. It seems that the 2 sites are separated by 2500 km so why there is not 2 different audits for 2 laboratories able to issue different ExTR?

**Secretariat response**

Despite the distance between the locations, the Secretariat understands that both locations use common management system and procedures and also intend to share resources hence feel that a single assessment and qualification process was warranted.