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**INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION, IEC**

**IEC SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS FOR SAFETY OF**

**ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES (IECEx SCHEME)**

**For the attention of Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC**

**Industry Survey: -**

**Use of the IECEx Equipment Certification Scheme**

##### Introduction

During the 2019 IECEx Management Committee, ExMC, Dubai meeting members agreed on the value of undertaking a simple survey of all IECEx Member Countries to determine the level of use of the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme deliverables (IECEx Certificate of Conformity [CoC], IECEx Test Reports [ExTR] and IECEx Quality Audit Reports [QAR]), when applying National or Regional Approval/Certification. Refer to item 15 of the Confirmed 2019 Meeting Minutes, ExMC/1567A/RM and Decision 2019/56:

Decision 2019/56

The Meeting noted the various reports concerning some of the changes to national scheme requirements and agreed to the following:

1. Secretariat to conduct a general survey of Member country scheme requirements
2. The continued dialogue between the IECEx Secretariat and Member Bodies regarding the alignment of IECEx and national scheme requirements

In line with this Decision, the Secretariat, in consultation with the IECEx Executive, has prepared this Survey Document.

ExMC Member Bodies are therefore requested to complete the attached survey and submit the completed questions**, in word format,** to the IECEx Secretariat via [Info@iecex.com](mailto:Info@iecex.com) by

**7 September 2020.**

**IECEx Secretariat**

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**Use of the IECEx Equipment Certification Scheme**

**Introduction**

IEC through its IECEx System operates International Certification Schemes dedicated to the use of Ex Equipment via the following Schemes:

1. IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme
2. IECEx Certified Service Facility Scheme
3. IECEX Certificate of Personal Competence, CoPC Scheme

The IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme, commenced issuing IECEx Certificates of Conformity (CoC), in 2003 and has enjoyed continued and sustained growth. The demand drivers for the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme continue to be a mix of

* supporting regulatory regimes (either by way of IECEx CoCs or use of ExTRs and QARs);
* meeting international safety requirements;
* supporting marketing and promotion by way of product differentiation in the market; and
* satisfying customer requirements.

While noting the IECEx 02 Clause 10 Rules that govern the acceptance of ExTRs and QARs, among ExCBs, during the Dubai 2019 annual meeting of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC, a discussion was taken concerning how the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme is practically used to support National and Regional regulatory requirements. During this discussion the meeting agreed to call on the IECEx Secretariat to undertake a simple survey of members to provide an indication of the use of the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme at National and Regional levels.

Attached is an email reply form that we would appreciate all ExMC Member Bodies completing and sending the completed form, in word format, back to us at the IECEx Secretariat office.

We appreciate your assistance.

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**Secretary IECEx** IECEx Website: [www.iecex.com](http://www.iecex.com)

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**E-MAIL REPLY FORM**

**Please complete this form by inserting Country or Region (eg European Community) and indicate “Yes” or “No” to the questions and send it to the IECEx Secretariat by**

**7 September 2020 at:**  [info@iecex.com](mailto:info@iecex.com)

1. **Country:**

**2.** **In my Country/Region there is a compulsory testing and/or certification requirement for the admittance of Ex products in the market?**  **Yes/No**

**Comments** (if any):

1. **If the answer to 2. Is YES please complete the following**

**3a**. Is an IECEx Certificate of conformity accepted for the purpose of allowing Ex products into the Market in your country/region? **Yes/No**

**Comments** (*if any*):

If the answer to 3a is **No** please complete Questions **3b** and **3c** below

**3b**. Is Testing Covered by an IECEx ExTR accepted, either fully or partially, for use when issuing national/regional certification or approval? **Yes/No**

**Comments** (*if any, especially relating to partial acceptance*):

**3c**. Is Factory auditing covered by an IECEx QAR accepted, either fully or partially, for use when issuing national/regional certification or approval? **Yes/No**

**Comments (***if any, especially relating to partial acceptance*):

**We thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire!**

**Please feel free to attach any further comments you may wish to be considered.**