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

***Title: Summary of Voting results on*** ***ExMC/1841/DV Re-assessment and Scope Extension Report for the continued acceptance of Simtars Australia an Accepted Ex Certification Body (ExCB) and an Accepted Ex Testing Laboratory (ExTL) in the Equipment Scheme 02, an Accepted ExCB in the Service Facilities Scheme, 03, and an Accepted ExCB in the Mark Licensing Scheme, 04, to include IEC 60079-32-2 in their ExTL Scope.***

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**INTRODUCTION**

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| **Country** | **Vote**  | **Comment** |
| AUSTRALIA | YES |  |
| BRAZIL | YES |  |
| CANADA | YES |  |
| CROATIA | YES |  |
| CZECH REPUBLIC | YES |  |
| DENMARK | YES |  |
| FINLAND | YES |  |
| FRANCE | YES |  |
| GERMANY | YES |  |
| GREECE | YES |  |
| HUNGARY | YES |  |
| INDIA | YES |  |
| ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN | YES | See Annex A |
| ISRAEL | YES |  |
| ITALY | YES |  |
| JAPAN | YES |  |
| KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA | YES |  |
| MALAYSIA | Abstain |  |
| NETHERLANDS | NR |  |
| NEW ZEALAND | YES |  |
| NORWAY | NR |  |
| PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA | YES |  |
| POLAND | YES |  |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA | YES |  |
| ROMANIA | NR |  |
| RUSSIA | YES |  |
| SINGAPORE | YES |  |
| SLOVENIA | YES |  |
| SOUTH AFRICA | YES |  |
| SPAIN | YES |  |
| SWEDEN | NR |  |
| SWITZERLAND | YES |  |
| TURKEY | YES |  |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | YES |  |
| UNITED KINGDOM | YES |  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | YES |  |
| **Members Voting: 36****Members in favour: 32****Abstain: 1****NR: 3**  | **Final decision: Approved** |
| **Status on 22 06 23** |

Do you agree with the recommendation from the IECEx Assessment Team for the acceptance of the Scope Extension request from Simtars Australia, AU, to include IEC 60079-32-2 in their scope?

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

**ANNEX A**

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**Submitted with comment**

1) Several years ago IEC 61241-0 & 61241-1 have been merged in IEC 60079, so, no loger exist, but according to table under clause 3.14, in the years 2020 & 2021, Simtars has issued certification according to these withdrawn standards (The reason is ambiguous).

2) According to clause 4.8, TS 60079-32-2 is not listed in the scope of NATA accreditation certificate for Simtars and has been mentioned “ during the year 2022 will be accepted ” , so , scope extension of Simtars for Electrostatics Hazard is not acceptable at this moment.

**Secretariat response**

1. Regarding IEC 61242 series, the comment is correct when it comes to the issuing of new Certificates, Certificates at Issue 0, for which according to IECEx 02 Clause 8.1.1, requires new Certificates to be issued only to the current edition or 1 edition prior of the standard. The Clause further states *Upgrading of existing CoCs by “up-issue” (that is, to issue 1 and subsequent issues) to a new edition of a Standard is not required…….* Therefore, on this basis, the number of certificates issued in 2020/2021 for IEC 61241 standards relates to the upgrading or up issuing of an IECEx Certificate that was issued some years prior.
2. While IECEx 02 Rules require compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 for ExTLs and ISO/IEC 17065 for ExCBs holding national accreditation is not a requirement but is taken into account during the IECEx assessment process. However if a Body does not hold accreditation then they will be subjected to annual assessment by IECEx refer to IECEx Operational Document OD 003-2.