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###### VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEx Regional Report for US regarding the Agenda for the 2022 ExMC Meeting, Item 15.1

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEx provides the following Regional Report for US in accordance with the 2022 ExMC Agenda Item 15.1:

**Name of Member Body**

* US National Committee for the IECEx

**Any changes in Market approach or Regulations regarding use of IECEx deliverables that maybe of interest to other IECEx Members**

* The 2019 revision to the OSHA NRTL Program Directive, having the implementation postponed due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic, will now become effective October 1, 2022.

The revised Directive contains some major modifications to OSHA NRTL Policies including new procedures for the acceptance of inspections and test data from organizations that function as part of the IECEx System for equipment certification. The new NRTL procedures for the acceptance of inspections and test data from ExCBs and ExTLs will be based on the recognition of ISO/IEC 17025 and 17065 standards.

**Any ideas for marketing or growth of IECEx**

* The US National Committee for the IECEx continues to work with offshore regulators, the US Coast Guard and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), along with the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), in the effort of adopting the IEC Ex Equipment Scheme and harmonizing their requirements to align with IEC and ISO standards.

**Any concerns that the Member Body may have**

* The US National Committee for the IECEx continues working through ANSI for seeking guidance from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regarding US trade-sanctioned countries. US based ExCBs and ExTLs may need to apply clause 10.2 of CA 01 for legal provision at a national level to ensure there is no violation of US law.
* US based ExCBs and ExTLs are preparing to include in the IECEx Test Report cover an OFAC Disclaimer that states:

*“In accordance with US government regulations, this Test Report cannot be used to support national certification in a US trade-sanctioned country. For a list of currently trade-sanctioned countries, See* [*https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information*](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information)*”*

**Any other information that the Member Body wishes to share, eg and planned events etc**

* The US National Committee for the IECEx congratulates the 2022 recipients of the IEC 1906 Award as IEC CA SYSTEMS EXPERTS, nominated by the IECEx, Mr. Paul Kelly (US) and Mr. Ajay Maira (AU).
* The USTAG recently circulated national differences for the assembly technical specification IEC TS 60079-46.
* The US National Committee for the IECEx anticipates improvements to the IECEx bulletin will provide an online system where Member Bodies will be able to update their national differences.

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

Sincerely,

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USNC/IECEx Secretary

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cc: S. Kiddle