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## ExNBG meeting short report

# 1. General

## 25th meeting was held on May 25th, 2022 online.

## ExNBG has got three active Working Groups:

## WG 98/5 Devices with measuring function for explosion protection

## WG 04/13 QM-questions

## WG 08/14 Consideration of state of the art

# 2. Cooperation with bodies outside EU/EEA (CH / CETA / IECEx)

In the work of ExNBG participate, as full members, also ATEX Notified Bodies based outside of EU/EEA – 3 organizations from Switzerland (MRA) and 4 from Canada (CETA).

ExNBG received a report from our IECEx System liaison on the onoing activities and confirmed their wish to continue to cooperate with the IECEx System.

# 3. Technical discussions

## 3.1 Clarification Sheets published in 2021

* ExNB/CS/024\* “Management of assessment and surveillance programs for products covered by Annexes IV and VII of the ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU”;
* ExNB/CS/025 “Significant changes between European Standards and the pre-vious editions”;
* ExNB/CS/026 “Additional minimum content of a certificate for equipment with a gas measuring function”;
* ExNB/CS/027 “Air velocity test according to EN 60079-29-1, clause 5.4.10.2”;
* ExNB/CS/028 “Validity of CS prepared under Directive 94/9/EC in the context of Directive 2014/34/EU”;
* ExNB/CS/029 “LED not a safety device”;
* ExNB/CS/030 “Specification and check of pre-certified parts” and
* ExNB/CS/031 “Instructions and EU-type examination”.

\* This Clarification Sheet is now aligned with ISO 19011 (“Guidelines for auditing management systems”). ExNBG would like to suggest that ExMC WG5 takes this into account when they commence their work on the revision of OD025.

## 3.2 Applicability of IECEx TAG Decision Sheets as ExNBG Clarification Sheets

ExNB/CS/010 lists all the ExTAG DS’ that shall be applied as ExNBG CS’. However it was noted that no ExTAG DS’ issued after February 2019 were added to that list. Therefore it was decided to task WG 08/14 (Consideration of state of the art) to take on the work of ongoing review of the DS’ with the purpose to have them included to ExNB/CS/010.

## 3.3 Remote assessments

During the Covid-pandemic the remote assessments have been allowed for a long time. With the reference to the cost effectiveness of this assessment method many manufacturers demand from NBs to continue to use this method. Therefore ExNBG discussed if this practice will be possible also in future and under which conditions. After the discussion it was agreed that the remote assessments are possible under special circumstances and asked WG 04/13 to prepare a proposal for requirements for remote assessments reminding of the need to take into the account the IECEx approach and practices and the position and results of the work being undertaken by the ATEX authorities.

# 4. Communications

We received a number of reports from our liaisons from the standardisation commitees and also from the European market surveillance authorities.

Mr. Lefebvre (HAS-consultant) reported about some additional delay with the implementation of ISO/IEC 80079-34, Ed. 2 as a European standard. Other standards related work he was involved in is dealing with the problem of hydrogen embrittlement of flame arrestors.

Next meeting of ExNBG is planned for week 4 or 5 (January) of 2023 in Brussels.

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