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ExNBG meeting report

1. General

26th meeting was held on January 24&25, 2023 in Brussels, Belgium.

ExNBG has 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. Membership and cooperation with bodies outside EU/EEA (CH / CETA / IECEx)

ExNBG has 77 members. This includes also ATEX Directive 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 ongoing activities and confirmed their wish to continue the cooperation with the IECEx System.

3. Regulatory news

ATEX Directive (2014/34/EU) continues to apply and there are currently no known plans for the evaluation or revision of this legislation.

ATEX Guidelines (4th Edition) was published in November 2022. Next edition is expected to be published in 2024.

4. Technical discussions

4.1 Clarification Sheets published in 2022 and 2023

- ExNBG/CS/032 “Contents of technical documentation (Annex VI)”
- ExNBG/CS/033 “Principle format for an EU-Type Examination Certificate”
- ExNBG/CS/034 “Question regarding how to deal with Organizations holding an ATEX Quality Assurance Notification due to Extraordinary Circumstances”
- ExNBG/CS/036 “Handling and storage of the dossier for non-electrical equipment category M2 and 2 according to Annex VIII, point 2”
- ExNBG/CS/037 “Applicable IECEx ExTAG Decision Sheets (DS)”
- ExNBG/CS/038 “Templates for notifications for Module D, Annex IV and Module E, Annex VII”.

3.2 ExNBG Clarification Sheets now available at CircABC Public folder

All ExNBG Clarification Sheets are now available at:

Circabc.europa.eu -> “Continue as visitor” => “Interinstitutional projects” => “NB-Net – Notified Bodies Network” -> “ATEX Group of Notified Bodies”.

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3.3 Applicability of IECEx TAG Decision Sheets as ExNBG Clarification Sheets
ExNB/CS/010 lists all the ExTAG DS' that are expected to be applied as ExNBG CS'. It is now a permanent task of our WG 08/14 ("Consideration of state of the art") to perform the work of ongoing review of the ExTAG DS' with the purpose to have them included to ExNB/CS/010. We expect to publish an updated version of ExNB/CS/010 later this year.

3.4 Heat tracing systems

On request of EU Market Surveillance authorities the group discussed requirements for heat tracing systems in relation to sharing of responsibilities including legal arrangements between manufacturers and installers. There is currently ongoing work both at CENELEC and IEC levels dealing with this and the result is expected to be incorporated into the next edition of ATEX Guidelines.

Next meeting of ExNBG is planned for week 4 or 5 (end of January) of 2024 in Brussels, Belgium.

Respectfully submitted

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