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**INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION SYSTEM FOR  
CERTIFICATION TO STANDARDS RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR USE  
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## Title: US Comments Regarding the IECEx On-Line Bulletin.

To: Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

**Introduction**

This document contains comments for the USNC/IECEx regarding the IECEx On-Line Bulletin.

These comments along with other matters will be considered during the September 2024 IECEx Management Committee meeting in Foz do Iguaçu.

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**Subject:** USNC/IECEx comment on new IECEx On-Line Bulletin

Dear Chris:

The USNC/IECEx would like to thank the IECEx secretariat for making the IECEx On-Line Bulletin available to ExCBs and ExTLs as discussed during the 2023 ExMC Meeting.

However, we have substantial concerns about the incompleteness of the data, which essentially renders the database unusable. There are currently eight Member Bodies that have no response yet provided **for any standard**. There are also many Member Bodies that that have no response yet provided for standards that are clearly being used. For example, IEC 60079-0, Edition 7.0, only has a response provided for India and the U.S.

Clause 7.3 of IECEx 02 states that “The member body of the IECEx System shall notify the ExMC of any changes in the national differences declared in its application. Notification of any changes should be made **within three months**.” There is currently no enforcement of this requirement, which has created the current situation.

We would like to propose the following to bring the IECEx On-Line Bulletin into compliance with IECEx 02:

* Existing ExCBs shall ensure that their member body provide declarations of national differences for the standards within their scopes by **2025-12-31**. The IECEx secretariat will remove standards from ExCB scopes for any missing declarations after this date.
* Revise Clause 11.1.11 of IECEx 02, Extension of scope as follows:

When an ExCB wishes to extend its acceptance to further standards accepted for use in the IECEx certified equipment scheme, an application shall be made to the ExMC Secretary using form F-011. When the ExCB has been assessed within the last five years, the members of the assessment team that assessed the ExCB should give their comments on the application. The ExMC Secretary in consultation with the IECEx Executive shall decide whether the extension may require a full or limited assessment on the basis of the information thus available. A decision shall also be taken whether acceptance of the scope extension requires approval by ExMC. If the IECEx On-Line Bulletin has not been completed for the relevant standard and member body, the application shall be held until provided. Scope extensions granted shall be reported to the next ExMC meeting.

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

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Mike Leibowitz

USNC/IECEx Secretary

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cc: S. Kiddle