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

## Title: US Regional Report

To: Members of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC

**Introduction**

This document contains a report from the USNC/IECEx regarding Agenda item “Regional Reports” for noting/discussion during the September 2024 IECEx Management Committee meeting in Brazil.

**IECEx Secretariat**

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**VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION**

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**Subject: USNC/IECEx Regional Report for US regarding the Agenda for the 2024 ExMC Meeting, Item 16.1**

Dear Mr. Agius:

The USNC/IECEx provides the following Regional Report for US in accordance with the 2024 ExMC Agenda Item 16.1:

**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**

* OSHA is in the early stages of updating their NRTL Directive to the newest version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and is monitoring ISO/IEC 17065.
* IEC ExCBs that are also NRTLs are permitting Client Data Test Programs under ISO/IEC 17025.

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

* NEMA is working on a proposal to OSHA for acceptance of ISO/IEC 80079-34 as a basis for relaxation from quarterly factory surveillances to possibly one every 12 months with a valid QAR.
* The US National Committee for the IECEx continues 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, such as updating 30 CFR Part 18 for acceptance of international standards.

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

* None

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

* The OSHA memo that suspends the requirement for the product marking to include all product standards remains in effect.
* The USNC/IECEx has circulated the following national differences since the last ExMC meeting:
  + US National Differences to IEC 60079-0:2017 reaffirmed as ANSI/UL 60079-0:2024
  + US National Differences to IEC 60079-1:2014 reaffirmed as ANSI/UL 60079-1:2024
  + US National Differences to IEC 60079-15:2017 reaffirmed as ANSI/UL 60079-15:2024
* The United States of America offers to host the 2027 Annual Meetings of the IECEx System.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Leibowitz

USNC/IECEx Secretary

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cc: S. Kiddle