



53rd CIML Meeting - Working Document

Additional Meeting Document

53-CIML-AMD-16

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Agenda item 9.3: Updates by organizations in liaison

OIML cooperation with the IEC



The OIML has had an established relationship with the IEC for many years and this was formalized in the signing of an MoU in 2011. In line with the MoU, IEC provided support to the OIML during the development of the OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) and an acknowledgment to the IEC for allowing the use of IEC Intellectual Property (IP) has been included in the Final Draft revision of OIML B 18.

Through the course of 2018 a number of meetings with representatives from the IEC have taken place with a view to improving cooperation (see 53-CIML-AMD-15 for further information). The MoU has been reviewed and an updated MoU (see 53-CIML-AMD-02) will be signed at the 53rd CIML Meeting under agenda item 9.4.

At a recent meeting of the IECEx Management Committee (MC) the IECEx MC discussed and agreed a proposal to establish a Joint Working Group with the OIML to explore synergies and opportunities for cooperation. Information regarding the proposal and draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Joint Working Group are included in the letter from the IECEx Executive Secretary, Chris Agius, in Annex A.

The CIML are asked to consider the proposal from the IECEx MC to establish a Joint Working Group and, if the CIML decides to establish a Joint Working Group, who will be the OIML representatives.

Draft Resolution no. 2018/...

The Committee,

Noting the proposal from the IECEx Management Committee,

Decides to establish a Joint Working Group with the IECEx to explore synergies and opportunities for cooperation,

Requests xxxxx to represent OIML on the Joint Working Group,

Requests the OIML representatives to report to the CIML on the activities of the Joint Working Group at the 54th CIML Meeting in 2019.



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Annex A – Letter from the IECEx Executive Secretary



**International Electrotechnical Commission System for
Certification to Standards for Explosive Atmospheres
(IECEX System)**

25th September 2018

Prof. Dr. Roman SCHWARTZ,
CIML President
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France

Dear Sir

**2018 Annual Meeting of the IECEX Management Committee,
20+21 September 2018**

I write to reiterate the appreciation of the IECEX 2018 Management Committee (ExMC) meeting for both your and Mr Dixon's attendance at the ExMC meeting this past week along with your very informative presentation and address.

As you recall the meeting noted that the Conformity Assessment efforts of both OIML with their OIML-CS Scheme and the IEC's IECEX System share a common platform of preventing wasteful duplication of effort. To this point and in noting that certain products, with a measuring function, for use in explosive atmospheres (Ex equipment) would likely fall under both the IECEX and OIML-CS Schemes the meeting did support the formation of a Joint AdHoc Working Group (JWG) to explore possible areas for collaboration between both OIML and IEC in the field of Ex and recorded the following decision.

Decision 2018/65

The Meeting supported the formation of a Joint Working Group between IECEX and OIML to explore synergies and areas where the two organisations may be able to cooperate with the aim of making use of existing systems and practices in order to reduce cost and time to market for manufacturers of Ex equipment covered by both IECEX and OIML-CS Certification schemes. The terms of reference and proposed membership discussed at this meeting was also endorsed.

And followed this with the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Membership of this JWG:

ToR

"To explore areas for collaboration in an effort to prevent duplication by making use of existing deliverables in the field of "Ex" and provide proposals for consideration by both OIML and IECEX"

Membership

From IECEX

- IECEX Executive members <https://www.iecex.com/information/executive/>

From OIML

- TBA by OIML following their October 2018 Meeting in Hamburg

Convenor

- CIML President Dr Roman Schwartz

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- IECEX Executive Secretary

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We understand that this feedback and proposal from IECEx is to be considered at your next CIML meeting in October 2018 and trust that the suggested formation of a JWG with OIML is in line with the spirit of the IEC-OIML Memorandum of Understanding.

We look forward to your feedback from your meeting and remain.

Again, with thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to join our 2018 ExMC Meeting.

With kind regards



Chris Agius - IECEx Executive Secretary

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