



INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB) Meeting 48, remote, 2020-11-09&10

SUBJECT

List of decisions from CAB meeting 48, remote, 2020-11-09&10

BACKGROUND

This list includes decisions taken by correspondence between the 47th and 48th CAB meetings, as well as decisions taken during CAB meeting 48.

Decisions by correspondence between meetings

CAB Decision 48/01 — Thomas Edison Award

The Thomas Edison Award recognizes exceptional achievement within the last five years, dedicated service and significant contributions to the IEC CA activities, and is proudly awarded by CAB in 2020 to Mr Mark Coppler, for his long-standing previous role as Chair of the IEC/TC 31 and Member of the IECEx Management Committee.

Decisions taken at the meeting

CAB Decision 48/02 — *Approval of the agenda*

The CAB approved the agenda contained in CAB/2015C/DA, but with items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6, 6.9 and 6.10 moved from the consent agenda to the main agenda, due to time allowing subgroup reports.

CAB Decision 48/03 — *Approval of the consent agenda items*

The CAB, by consent, noted and approved the 13 documents listed in Annex A to this decision list as consent agenda documents, and expressed appreciation to all those concerned with their creation and submission.

CAB Decision 48/04 — *CAB subgroups membership*

The CAB noted document CAB/1993A/INF, appointed the new members identified therein to the respective Working Groups.

CAB Decision 48/05 — *Recommendation to SMB regarding ISO/IEC FDIS 27034-4*

The CAB, noting document CAB/2034B/DC, agreed that the document ISO/IEC FDIS 27034-4 was in conflict with requirements in both the guidance document *Guidance_for_CA_when_writing_standards.pdf* and the ISO/IEC Directives Part 2 Clause 33, and was therefore considered to be unacceptable. CAB therefore made a recommendation to the SMB to stop the development of this standard.

CAB Decision 48/06 — *Detection process for CA in ISO/IEC standards*

The CAB, noting document CAB/2034B/DC, and recognizing that the CA issues in the document ISO/IEC FDIS 27034-4 had been detected using the SMB/TMB/CASCO/CAB agreed process described in document CAB/1942/INF, nevertheless regretted that the document could reach the FDIS stage before being detected. CAB therefore recommended that SMB/TMB/CASCO/CAB agree to take actions to facilitate earliest detection of such issues, and tasked the CAB Secretary with providing a report to the June 2021 CAB meeting on those actions.

CAB Decision 48/07 — *CAB WG 18 – CA Radar – report*

The CAB thanked the WG 18 Convenor, Mr Gerhard Imgrund, for the document CAB/2026/R and decided to treat the recommendations therein as follows:

- A.1. CAB approved the revised feedback procedure.
- A.2. CAB requested that the CA Systems report to CAB/WG 18, following their respective MC meetings each year, on the status of evaluation of new CA service radar items using the revised feedback procedure.

CAB Decision 48/08 — *IECRE Annual report*

The CAB, noting the annual report given in document CAB/2019/R, and that there were no matters for CAB Decision, endorsed the report and thanked the IECRE Chair, Mr Alistair Mackinnon for his additional verbal report.

CAB Decision 48/09 — *Peer assessment*

The CAB confirms the statement in the IEC CA Policy document, IEC CAB P01, that peer assessment, as defined by ISO/IEC 17040, is considered a fundamental pillar of the IEC CA Systems/Schemes and shall be included into all IEC CA Systems/Schemes rules, and that National accreditation (as referenced in clause 1.3 of IEC CAB P02) of CA bodies may be used as a factor in streamlining CA System assessment but shall not be mandatory.

CAB Decision 48/10 — *IECRE Peer assessment / national accreditation*

In noting that the IECRE System had been granted an exemption, in its early stages, for using national accreditation and in noting the maturing status of the IECRE System, CAB requests IECRE to review its governance documents and modify as necessary to remove the mandatory requirement to hold national accreditation.

CAB Decision 48/11 — *IECEX Annual report*

The CAB noted and endorsed the preliminary and supplementary annual reports given in documents CAB/2024/R and CAB/2024A/R and thanked

the IECEx Chair, Mr Paul Meanwell, for his additional verbal report, and dealt with the matters for decision as follows:

- 1.1 In alignment with the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure CAB no longer endorses the Audited Accounts, but merely reviews them.
- 1.2 See the separate CAB Decision 48/12.
- 1.3 See the separate CAB Decision 48/13.
- 1.4 WG 11 was tasked with reviewing these rules and providing a recommendation to CAB in such a way that CAB could take a decision by correspondence in or before Q1 2021.

CAB Decision 48/12 — *IECEX Vice-Chair re-appointment*

The CAB, noting the document CAB/2024A/R, accepted the nomination of Mr Marty Coles as the IECEx Vice-Chair and re-appointed him to this position for a second 3 years term from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023.

CAB Decision 48/13 — *IECEX Treasurer appointment*

The CAB, noting the document CAB/2024A/R, accepted the nomination of Prof. XU Jianping as the IECEx Treasurer and appointed him to this position for a 3 years term from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023.

CAB Decision 48/14— *IECQ Annual report*

The CAB, noted and endorsed the annual report given in document CAB/2023/R and thanked the IECQ Chair, Mrs Marie-Elisabeth d’Ornano, for her additional verbal report, and dealt with the matters for decision as follows:

- 1.1 No decision from CAB required.
- 1.2 In alignment with the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure CAB no longer endorses the Audited Accounts, but merely reviews them.

CAB Decision 48/15 — *Gratitude to Mrs Marie-Elisabeth d’Ornano*

Additionally, recognizing that Mrs Marie-Elisabeth d’Ornano would step down at the end of 2020 after 7 years as the IECQ Chair, the CAB heartily thanked her for her long and valuable contribution and commitment to IECQ, CAB and the IEC, noting that she will continue on the IECQ Executive.

CAB Decision 48/16 — *IECEE Annual report*

The CAB, noting document CAB/2018/R endorsed the annual report and thanked the IECEE Chair, Mr Wolfgang Niedziella, for his additional verbal report and dealt with the matters for decision as follows:

- 1.1 In alignment with the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure CAB no longer endorses the Audited Accounts, but merely reviews them.
- 1.2 See the separate CAB Decision 48/17.
- 1.3 The CAB recognized that Mr Steve Margis had been selected by the CMC as the IECEE Chair Elect for the period 2021-01-01 to 2021-12-31.
- 1.4 See the separate CAB Decision 48/18.

CAB Decision 48/17 — *IAF Resolution 2018-13*

The CAB, noting document CAB/2018/R and previous CAB Decisions 47/31 & 45/46 on this issue, requested that the CAB IAF TF request the IAF to communicate within their community the fact that the IEC CA Systems’

schemes do not need exemption from IAF Resolution 2018-13 because the resolution, simply, does not apply to IEC CA Systems' schemes. Furthermore, the TF was requested to raise the issue of the lack of a harmonization by IAF Members to the model "accreditation by schemes" (as implied in ISO/IEC 17065) rather than "accreditation by standards".

CAB Decision 48/18 — *Ethically questionable products*

The CAB, noting item 1.4 of document CAB/2018/R, which raised the issue of ethically questionable products and potential legal liability, tasked the CAB and CA Systems' Secretariats in consultation with the General Secretary's Office, with providing greater clarity on this question by defining what was meant by "ethically questionable products" and what potential liabilities (legal, reputation, etc), may be involved, and providing this information back to CAB by, or before, the June 2021 CAB meeting. CAB advised that reference on this subject could possibly be sought from such organizations as the UN, WTO, WHO, etc, as well as from some certification bodies own in-house guidelines.

CAB Decision 48/19 — *ACEE – Energy Efficiency – Liaison*

The CAB noted that the current CAB liaison to ACEE, Mr Toshiyuki Kajiya, would retire from the CAB at the end of 2020, thanked him sincerely for his many years in this liaison role, and tasked the CAB Secretariat with circulating a call for CAB Liaison to ACEE.

CAB Decision 48/20 — *SMB SG 12 — Digital Transformation – Liaison*

The CAB tasked the CAB Secretariat with circulating a call for CAB participation to SMB SG 12.

CAB Decision 48/21 — *Gratitude to Affiliate Country Leadership*

The CAB expressed its gratitude to the Affiliate Leader, Mr Rojas Manyame, for his verbal message and written report, CAB/2028A/R. The CAB recognized the important role of the Affiliate Country Programme which facilitates Affiliate countries' understanding and use of IEC standards and conformity assessment services. The CAB also appreciated the value and the efforts of the ACAS programme, and was encouraged to see continued growth, from 31 to 33 to 35 countries over the last three years participating in the ACAS programme, and 21 to 24 to 26 countries having signed the ACAS declaration, as well as the widespread and growing use of the e-Learning modules.

CAB Decision 48/22 — *Gratitude to Mr Niedziella – IEC EU Cybersecurity Ambassador*

The CAB expressed its gratitude to Mr Wolfgang Niedziella for his verbal report on the EU cybersecurity CA situation and his actions and efforts on behalf of IEC in this respect.

CAB Decision 48/23 — *Gratitude to Mr Simon Barrowcliff*

The CAB expressed its gratitude to Mr Simon Barrowcliff, CAB Alternate from the UK, for his verbal update on the situation concerning Brexit. CAB then asked Mr Barrowcliff if he would also provide a further update if needed to its next meeting in June 2021.

	Document number	Subject	DA item
C	C/2287/INF	Appointment/re-appointment by Council in Geneva of two “Automatically appointed Members” of the Conformity Assessment Board (CAB)	4.8
C	C/2288/INF	Election/re-election by Council in Geneva of five members of the Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) for a three-year term of office (2021-2023)	4.8
C	CAB/1937B/INF	CAB membership, as of 1 March 2020	4.6
C	CAB/1998/INF	CAB report to the Council Board (CB) following meeting 47, virtually held in Geneva on 2020-06-08/09	8.1.1
C	CAB/2000A/RM	Confirmed report of CAB meeting 47 held as a web-meeting, on 2020-06-08 & 09	4.1
C	CAB/2008/INF	2020 and 2021 deadlines for CAB documents Deadlines for submission and approval of CA Systems’ audited accounts and budgets	4.5
C	CAB/2011A/DC	Review of the IECEE 2019 audited accounts	7.4.4
C	CAB/2012A/DC	Review of the IECRE 2019 audited accounts	7.1.1
C	CAB/2013A/DC	Review of the IECQ 2019 audited accounts	7.3.1
C	CAB/2014A/DC	Review of the IECEx 2019 audited accounts	7.2.1
C	CAB/2017A/RV	Report of voting on the nominations for the 2020 IEC Thomas A. Edison Award	4.4
C	CAB/2022/INF	SMB decisions of interest to the CAB, SMB Meeting 168, virtual meeting, 2020-06-08/09	8.2
C	CAB/2033/INF	Summary of the ISO/CASCO WG meeting schedules and IEC representation	9.1