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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

Meeting 30, Melbourne, 2011-10-25

SUBJECT

Report of activities of ISO CASCO WG 31, *Inspection, Revision of ISO/IEC 17020*

ACTION

The CAB is invited to note this report.

1.	Type of report	Progress report to the IEC-CAB
2.	Date:	August 29, 2011
3.	Name of Coordinator reporting:	Paul Moliski, IEC Representative WG 31
4.	Title/full name of ISO/CASCO Group:	ISO/CASCO WG 31 Revision of ISO/IEC 17020: General requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspections
5.	Abstract of its subject (one paragraph):	This International Standard contains requirements for the competence of bodies performing inspection and the impartiality and consistency of their inspection activities. It applies to inspection bodies of type A, B or C as defined in this International Standard and it applies to any stage of inspection (e.g. design stage, type examination, initial inspection, in-service inspection or surveillance).
6.	Summary Report	<p>The DIS ballot for ISO/IEC 17020 was released on January 13, 2011. The 5th meeting of ISO/CASCO WG 31 was held on 2011-07-19/20/21 in Geneva. The Convenor reported a positive result of the DIS ballot. The document was approved by 81% of ISO P-Members (50 in favor out of 62 voting) and by 76% of IEC P-members (16 in favor out of 21). The WG reviewed and answered all 539 comments with the objective to process the document to the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) stage.</p> <p>The WG agreed to proceed to FDIS stage, except the DIN (Germany) and SA (Australia) experts who maintain their negative vote. The FDIS will be launched for a 2 month ballot in October after translation in French/German and internal processing at ISOCS with the aim to publish by the end of 2011 or the beginning of 2012.</p> <p>It was agreed this was the last meeting of WG 31. The Convenor Mr. Marcus Schmid (DIN) thanked all participants for their contribution.</p>
7.	Follow up actions:	FDIS will be launched in October 2011 with aim of publishing by the end of 2011 or early 2012.
8.	Issues, controversies or difficulties, current or potential, incl. foreseeable steps and schedules for their resolution:	DIN (Germany) and SA (Australia) maintained negative votes. Considerable discussion took place regarding the potential use of excessive subcontracting (sub-clause 6.3.1). Some member bodies felt the draft document has not matured enough to consider the FDIS or they are worried about the new approach to subcontracting and requested to continue using the current edition of ISO/IEC17020.
9.	OUTCOME OF THE MEETING	WG 31 agreed to proceed to FDIS stage. WG agreed this was the last meeting of WG 31.
10.	Specific recommendations to the CAB:	Recommend CAB members to take note of the FDIS.

11.	Specific recommendations to IEC National Committees (when commenting or voting on draft): NOTE — These will be subject to the CAB's discussion and agreement.	No specific recommendations
12.	Opinion(s) of other IEC representative(s) in the same group:	No additional opinions

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