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To: All AFSEC NEC secretaries

Notice of AFSEC /IEC Conformity Assessment Capacity Building Workshop

Date: 23-24 January 2018

Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa

It is well known that with the majority of electrical and electronic equipment being imported into African countries, there is minimal capacity in most countries to assess compliance to relevant standards. The incidents of dumping of non-compliant products are believed to be widespread. The use of credible certification schemes, such as those of the IEC can assist Africa countries in having assurance of compliance.

AFSEC, with the support of the African Union, and in collaboration with the IEC ACAS programme will hold a conformity assessment capacity building workshop on 23 January 2018. The aim of this workshop is to equip African regulators of electrical and electronic appliances to use the IECEE CB scheme in their national regulatory systems for assessing compliance to relevant IEC standards that cover

- Performance and Safety of household appliances,
- Efficiency of electric motors.

The workshop will be presented by Fabio Gargantini, IECEE expert, chair of IEC TC 61 and secretary of IEC SC59L.

Each AFSEC National Committee/NEC is invited to nominate one delegate whose air ticket and accommodation will be sponsored. African IEC affiliate countries that are not AFSEC members are invited to nominate one delegate whose accommodation only will be sponsored.

Delegates should be selected from the management/staff of relevant national regulatory bodies

Subject to space limitations, an additional delegate /NEC may be selected to attend, but these will not be sponsored.

A meeting of the AFSEC CAC will be co-located to meet on 24 January at the same venue. Workshop delegates may attend the AFSEC CAC meeting as observers.

Please advise the AFSEC secretariat (secretariat@afsec-africa.org & info@afsec-africa.org) by latest **14 December 2017** of the name(s) and contact details of your delegate(s) so that invitation letters and air tickets can be issued before the end of December 2017. N.B. No air tickets will be issued after end December 2017.

National Committees do not need to respond with the names of their AFSEC CAC Members, who will receive their own individual invitations to the workshop and AFSEC CAC meeting.

Simultaneous French><English translation will be provided.