

Recognition of outside agencies under control of other NANDTB's

1. Premises

National Aerospace NDT Boards as independent aerospace organization representing a nation's aerospace industry that is chartered by the participating prime contractors and recognized by the nation's regulatory agencies to provide or support NDT qualification and/or examination services in compliance with the European Standard EN 4179. Initiated by the ANDTBF meeting Nov. 21/2019, a policy on recognition shall be established to assist NANDTB's to recognize outside agencies and certificates under control of other NANDTB's. This policy may affect Non-Destructive-Testing personnel involved in design, production and airworthiness or environmental certification of aircraft and related products, parts and appliances. This policy may affect Non-Destructive-Testing personnel involved in continuing airworthiness of aircraft and aeronautical products, parts and appliances.

2. Purpose

This document shall be used as policy to obtain or to maintain recognition of outside agencies under control of other NANDTB's in accordance with EN 4179 Edition 6, Annex C. Outside agencies and certificates under control of other NANDTB's may be recognized by formal approval where the NANDTB complies with the requirements of EN 4179 and the documents ANDTBF/14 and ANDTBF/08. The process of recognition should be procedurally defined by the controlling NANDTB. For countries where no NANDTB exists, the procedure of other NANDTB's may be used, but isn't required unless specified by local or regulatory requirements. Recognition requires that the outside agency/applicant is represented by its national ANDTBF voting member.

3. References

Apply reference documents as revised

- EASA Part-21.A.139 (a) Quality System and GM No 1 to 21.A.139 (a) Quality System
- EASA Part-21.A.145 (a) Approval requirements and GM 21.A.145 (a) Approval Requirements
- EASA Part-M.A.606 (f) Personnel requirements and AMC M.A.606 (f) Personnel Requirements
- EASA Part-145.A.30 (f) Personnel requirements and AMC 145.A.30 (f) Personnel Requirements
- EN 4179 - Aerospace Series - Qualification and approval of personnel for Non-Destructive Testing
- ANDTBF/08 Organisation, Duties and Responsibilities of NANDTB's as Members of ANDTBF
- ANDTBF/14 Audit Criteria for Auditing NANDTB
- AC 7114/11 Nadcap requirements for NANDTB (*1)

(*1) PRI/NADCAP documents required to obtain / maintain PRI/NADCAP/NDT certification.

4. Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions as given by EN 4179 apply. In addition to the standard the following definitions shall be used.

OUTSIDE AGENCY/APPLICANT: Organization requesting recognition from the controlling NANDTB.

CONTROLLING NANDTB: Organization obligated to ensure the deciding National entity in NDT.

5. Document status

The policy confirmed during the 30. Meeting, date 25. Nov. 2021 by ANDTBF voting members.

6. Responsibilities for the outside agency/applicant

The outside agency/applicant is responsible to initiate the request on recognition by the controlling NANDTB. The outside agency/applicant is responsible to provide information, evidence and access as defined by the controlling NANDTB. To support the request best as possible, the documentation shall be prepared in a transparent matter. Documents shall be traceable to the NANDTB.

7. Responsibilities for controlling NANDTB

The controlling NANDTB assist in respect to ethic rules, national laws, international agreements and national specifics. The controlling NANDTB shall ensure the deciding entity in NDT. The guidelines is a notification process for approval of the outside agency as applicant. In order to approve and to maintain confidence the controlling NANDTB authorized to request technical details, to perform assessments and authorized to advice supplemental.

8. Recognition

Process on recognition shall be procedurally advised and documented by the controlling NANDTB. Controlling NANDTB shall disclose the process on recognition on a public forum e.g. web site. The procedure shall identify relevant documents and follow up activities to carry out an assessment of recognition. Relevant documents are quality management procedures, operation procedures, initial and renewed certificates; current approval status included the method and level sought, training course outlines, audit reports and closure outs and completion of audit findings and observations. To share confidential documents a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) is recommended. The outside agency/applicant provides the relevant information and documents to the controlling NANDTB in English language or any other language agreed. The controlling NANDTB shall carry out an assessment in a sufficient time line. Formal recognition of outside agency under control of other NANDTB's shall be documented in a written form and shall be distributed by the NANDTB web page.

9. Recommendation

Each NANDTB shall define, organize, administer and manage activities in accordance with EN 4179. Transnational Aviation Business requires mutual recognition on a basis of confidence. In respect to the National demand in NDT training, qualification and examination, the recognition of an outside agency/applicant shall be given as following:

- Training, qualification, examination as provided by the outside agency/applicant shall be recognized as long as the outside agency/applicant is controlled, managed and audited by the NANDTB applicable for the respective country.
- Training, qualification, examination as provided by the outside agency/applicant shall be recognized until their current status expires.
- Training, qualification, examination as provided by the outside agency/applicant within the controlling NANDTB's geographical locations shall be controlled, managed and audited by the controlling NANDTB.

The process on recognition shall be documented in writing by the controlling NANDTB. Regulatory agencies have the right to observe the process.

10. Records

Document control procedures as given by Quality Management Systems shall be respected by the outside organisation/applicant and by the controlling NANDTB.

11. Certification

This policy and related documents aren't intended to supersede employer specific qualification and approval of personnel for non-destructive testing. It remains a major task to the company responsible Level 3 to determine and administer job-specific training, product related details or supplemental examination as defined by the employer's Written Practice.

12. Process flowchart

