AD013 – Withdrawal of non UK based agency approvals

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REF: Approval of Non UK agencies under the affiliation scheme by the UK NANDTB

For some time the UK operated the only viable National Aerospace NDT Board. This attracted several non UK based agencies to apply for approval via BINDT agency approval scheme which is directly under the control of the UK National Aerospace NDT Board – this became known as the affiliation scheme.

You will note that in 2015 the UK National Aerospace NDT Board, following the issuance of ANDTBF_08 (Organisation, Duties and Responsibilities of NANDTB's as members of the ANDTBF) withdrew the affiliation scheme to non UK based agencies as per UK NANDTB advisory 10 (AD010, which can be found on the UK NANDTB website).

Following this, whilst the UK NANDTB refused to take on any further affiliations to non UK based agencies, we have continued to support to this day those we had already agreed to approve prior to issuance of ANDTBF_08.

However, this continuation has for some time given cause for concern, not least in ensuring adequate and fair oversight through audit of the agencies and travel arrangements for our auditors.

It is therefore with regret that I must inform you that at the recent UK National NDT Board meeting held on the 10th March 2020, the UK National Aerospace NDT Board agreed to withdraw support to all non UK based agencies.

Any certificates of approval expiring imminently will be granted an extension to the end of September 2020 to allow for alternative approval arrangements to be made. Any approvals expiring after the 30th September will not be considered for re-approval.

The UK NANDTB are aware that since the initial affiliation scheme started, there are many more recognised NANDTBs now in existence around the globe that meet the minimum requirements of ANDTBF_08 and NADCAP AC7114/11 and which are more conveniently geographically placed to ensure adequate oversight of all agency approvals.

Signed for the Board

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