

Minutes of meeting held on 12th November 2008

Date: 12 November 2008 / Cologne (EASA premises)

Subject: NDT questions - National Aerospace NDT Boards

Following EASA Email dated 16 June 2008

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The group reviewed the replies made in the Email sent to the NANDTB Forum on 16 June 2008. The following issues were discussed:

EASA had no immediate answer about why the initial draft of Part 145 included the standard EN4179 while no standard was prescribed in Part 21; EASA will investigate whether this was a requirement coming from the previous JAA rules.

EASA has no evidence that there is a need for proposing a rulemaking task aiming at introducing a NDT standard in Part 21 because it is probably not an area where there is a safety issue. As a consequence, EASA will not take the initiative to recommend such a rulemaking task to SSCC / AGNA members (EASA advisory bodies);

If the NANDTB wants to propose such a rulemaking task, the Agency recommends making it through the corresponding members of the SSCC (Safety Standards Consultative Committee). This is the consulting body representing the interests of industry. It may help also to contact specific members of AGNA (Advisory Group of National Authorities), which is the consultative body representing the Competent Authorities.

Nevertheless, the need for such a request will have to be justified, including an impact assessment and the recommended level of priority;

SSCC members and AGNA members can be found at the following addresses:

[http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/doc/SSCC/SSCC%20Members'%20list%20\(13-08-2008\).pdf](http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/doc/SSCC/SSCC%20Members'%20list%20(13-08-2008).pdf)

and

[http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/doc/AGNA/AGNA%20Members-Observers%20List%20\(updated%20October%202008\).pdf](http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/doc/AGNA/AGNA%20Members-Observers%20List%20(updated%20October%202008).pdf)

In addition, EASA should be provided with the EASA application form aiming at proposing a rulemaking task; visit

http://www.easa.europa.eu/ws_prod/r/doc/rp/Rulemaking%20Proposal%20Form.doc:

The group agreed on the following text for subparagraph 2 to AMC 145.A.30 (f) [this change may be incorporated through rulemaking task 145.023]:

AMC145.A.30(f).../...

2. Appropriately qualified means to Level 1, 2 or 3 as defined by the European Standard EN 4179 or NAS 410 :2000 latest revision (EN 4179) dependant upon the non-destructive testing function to be carried out. Any other standard recognized as equivalent by the competent authority is accepted.

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This proposal complements the replies to questions 4/6/9/10/12 from Email dated 16June08.

The definition of “competent authority” contained in the AMC145.A.30(f) above is given in Part 145.A.1. It refers to the competent authority responsible for the approval of the Part-145 organisation. Outside EU the Agency is the competent authority and may grant an accreditation to some European Members States and even to some competent authorities outside Europe such as Turkey in order to act on behalf of EASA.

In the future, EASA has the intention to attend to the forthcoming NANDTB forums, at least once annually. Questions related to the EASA scope of activities are advised to be submitted in advance as far as possible.

Note: The Australian NDT board can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.ndtboard.com/about/index.htm>
