

**NDT RTPO Survey results – revision: 10th March 2005
(closing date for responses: 31st March 2005)**

In the interests of ascertaining common practice for approving NDT personnel to test permanent joints to pressure equipment under Directive 97/23/EC Annex I clause 3.1.3, a questionnaire was circulated in January 2005 requesting answers to relevant questions.

Responses are tabulated below.

Respondents (answers: 1 = Yes; 0 = No)	A. Does a representative of your organisation attend meetings of the NBF SPV/PED?	B. Is your organisation aware of the existence of guideline 6/13?	C. Is your organisation aware of the existence of the NBF NDT RTPO Code of Practice	D. Do you approve NDT personnel under CoP route A?	E. Do you approve NDT personnel under CoP route B?	F. Do you approve NDT personnel under CoP route C?
1. BINDT, UK	1	1	1	1	1	1
2. Donegani, Italy	0	1	0	0	0	0
3. DPZ, Germany	1	1	1	1	0	0
4. Eurolab Garanzia Qualità S.r.l., Italy	0	0	0	1	0	0
5. LRQA, Germany	0	1	1	1	0	0
6. Name withheld for commercial reasons	1	1	1	0	1	1
7. SKO, Netherlands	0	1	1	1	0	1
8. TUV Rheinland, Germany	1	1	1	1	1	1
9. NDT Training Center AB, Sweden	1	1	1	1	0	0
10. ÖGfZP, Austria	0	1	1	1	1	0
11. AIB-Vincotte, Belgium	1	1	1	0	0	1
12. BANT, Belgium	0	1	0	1	0	0
13. APC, Czech Republic	0	1	1	1	0	1
14. AEND, Spain	1	1	1	1	0	0
15. Reaktortest, Slovak Republic	0	1	1	1	0	0
16. First Welding Company, Slovakia	1	0	0	0	0	0
17. Technická inšpekcia, Slovakia	1	0	0	1	1	0
18. Sector Cert, Germany	0	1	1	1	0	0
19. Cofrend, France	0	1	1	1	0	0
20. Instytut Spawalnictwa, Gliwice, Poland	0	1	1	1	0	0
Response summary: (number responding 'Yes' to each question)	9	17	15	16	5	6
Question reference	A	B	C	D	E	F

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Questions addressed in the above table:

- A. Does a representative of your organisation attend meetings of the EU Notified Bodies Forum?
- B. Is your organisation aware of the existence of guideline 6/13?
- C. Is your organisation aware of the existence of the NBF NDT RTPO Code of Practice (CoP)?
- D. do you approve personnel under the **CoP route A**?
- E. do you approve personnel under the **CoP route B**?
- F. do you approve personnel under the **CoP route C**?

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO OTHER QUESTIONS POSED IN THE SURVEY:

1. If the responding NDT RTPO does not attend NBF SPV/PED meetings, indicate why not.
 - a) APC: APC was not invited for the time being.
 - b) Donegani: Only few people involved in Certification activity
 - c) LRQA De: The German working group EK 6 does send one representative
 - d) OGfZP: Because RTPO's are not NB's and are not invited to NBF (JRT: incorrect)
 - e) NDT Training Center AB: meeting agenda not known (place, time and agenda missing)
 - f) SKO: There is a national NBF; members of that forum attend the EU NBF and report on the meetings of this Forum
 - g) Reaktortest: The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing is competent to confirm RTPO in Slovak Republic. This Office created a working group for PED and the representative persons were nominated for meetings organised by EU and they may inform other RTPO about news and relevant information. Not representative of all RTPO attend meetings.
2. Would the RTPO be willing to nominate a representative to attend a meeting of RTPO organised by the European Federation for NDT?
 - a) APC: Yes, if it is possible
 - b) Donegani: It is possible to consider our attendance at EFNDT meeting
 - c) Eurolab: A possible participation to a meeting of RTPO will be evaluated after receiving the relevant programme
 - d) Anonymous: As the EU NBF is proposing to change its name to CABF (Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum) and has a sub-group for NDT, we believe that there is no need for an extra meeting implied by your Q2 (Q4 in the survey form).
 - e) NDT Training Center AB: Yes
 - f) SKO: Yes, we are willing to attend a RTPO-meeting (EFNDT)
 - g) Instytut Spawalnictwa, Gliwice- Poland: We didn't know about such meetings and we haven't been invited. We would like to attend meetings of RTPO organised by the European Federation for NDT
3. If the RTPO does not implement the CoP, indicate why not, and what is the basis used for approval of NDT personnel.
 - a) Eurolab: only issues approvals on basis of EN473
 - b) SKO, regarding route B: If such a request would come up incidentally, we would investigate the basis for the presented certificate (other than which essentially is Route C) rather than enter into a contractual arrangement with the issuing certification body. The latter would only be efficient if the request would be structural rather than incidental
4. Other comments or information provided.
 - a) DPZ only approves on the basis of certificates according to EN 473 which are issued by DPZ
 - b) OGfZP: Route B is offered if there is an order to do so, and audit shows that the rules of our certification body are followed
 - c) TIS: We use the CoP; The certificates we issue look different with regard to the given proposition, but contains all parameters listed in the CoP