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To the European CB's (MRA schedule 2 signatories)

Dear colleagues

The joint Working Group of CEN TC 138 and ISO TC 135 has agreed on a new ISO 9712 to be published in 2012. Formal vote has started on March 1st, 2012 and very likely ISO 9712:2012 is going to become the valid standard for qualification and certification of NDT personnel within the next couple of months. ISO 9712:2012 is also going to replace the European standard EN 473 as EN ISO 9712.

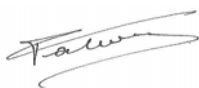
Though both standards EN 473:2008 as well as EN ISO 9712:2012 are carried by the same ideas and philosophy, some significant changes will occur. For instance, recertification of Level 3 personnel and training hours for some NDT methods will be modified.

The Certification Executive Committee (CEC) of EFNDT has decided to take this opportunity for launching the concept of a unified "European Certification Program". Goal of this program is to keep the European quality level of qualification and certification at least to the level of the present EN 473. Furthermore this program will use the chance to clarify items of EN 473 and ISO 9712 which have always yielded to different interpretations.

CEC's European Certification Program shall be established as far as possible on a broad basis and with the agreement of the European Certification Bodies. A questionnaire has been developed to gain an overview about the different practices and interpretations of today's EN 473. The answers of the different certification bodies on their actual practices will help in determining the directions for the future program.

Your support by short-term editing of this questionnaire would be highly appreciated. We are expecting your answer before end of May 2012. Thank you in advance for the effort that you will make in filling up the questionnaire. Any additional remarks/suggestions that you may have are welcomed.

Yours faithfully



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Attachment: Questionnaire

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