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To the European NDT Societies (MRA schedule 1 signatories)

Dear colleagues

The joint Working Group of CEN TC 138 and ISO TC 135 have 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.

Though both standards the EN 473 as well as the new 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.

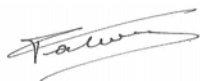
Our common goal shall be to keep the European quality level of qualification and certification at least to the level of the present EN 473. For example, CEC considers that it is necessary to keep the mandatory training duration identical with what is presently in EN 473. To achieve this goal the Certification Executive Committee (CEC) of EFNDT has decided to launch the concept of a unified "European Certification Program".

CEC's European Certification Program must be established on a broad basis and agreement of the European Certification Bodies. Therefore a questionnaire has been sent to the European Certification Bodies to gain an overview about the different practices and interpretations of today's EN 473.

We kindly ask for your support of the idea of an European Certification Program and we are highly interested in your opinion and your proposals for the program.

Thanks for your answer before end of May 2012.

Yours faithfully



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