



ICEC Report for IEC meeting on 26th May 2024

1. ICEC online meetings

Six on-line ICEC meetings were held between 1st April 2023 and the end of April 2024. The minutes of the meetings were circulated to the ICNDT secretariat.

1.1 Status of MRA Schedule 1

- There are forty-five (45) National NDT Society signatories to Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) Schedule 1. The latest schedule dated 14th February 2024, is available on the ICNDT website.
- Due to violating the MRA agreement in relation to the unauthorised use of the ICNDT logo, Lebanon has been removed from the Schedule 1 membership register.

1.2 Status of MRA Schedule 2

- The 2023 annual continuity checks were completed successfully for all twenty Schedule 2 registered PCBs.
- There were seven (7) OP19 re-registrations during 2023 which included NDTSS (Singapore), UDT-CERT (Poland); NCB-NDT (Sri-Lanka), ISO (Finland), BINDT (United Kingdom); and KSNT (Korea). AINDT (Australia) and TWI (United Kingdom) UK are in the process of being re-registered.
- China (ChSNDT) originally re-registered under OP 19 but incorporated the ISO9712:2021 transition via a OP20 assessment process.
- The ICEC has decided to remove Ukraine from the Schedule 2 register due to the lack of any communication or interaction since March 2023.
- Due to the European trade sanctions imposed by the European Union resulting from the Russia – Ukraine conflict, RTC Russia has also been removed from the Schedule 2 register.
- There are nineteen (19) Personnel Certification Bodies (PCBs) registered under MRA Schedule 2. The latest schedule dated the 14th March 2024, is available on the ICNDT website.
 - Of the nineteen (19) Schedule 2 members, ten (10) have fully transitioned to ISO 9712:2021.
 - ICEC has been informed that most of the remaining members have updated their operating procedures to ISO 9712:2021 and are awaiting accreditation to the new issue of the standard. Transition to ISO 9712:2021 must be completed within five years of the last revision published date meaning that all PCBs must be compliant with ISO 9712:2021 by no later than 2026 – 12.
 - In this report, the ICEC uses 2021 as the issue date but are aware that a number of countries have not incorporated the standard into their own language or system and may use later dates for incorporation.

2. Revisions to OP 19

- OP19 has been revised to accommodate delays in audits due to unforeseen events as in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- OP19 has been revised by the ICEC to include the requirement for the audit of PCBs to include auditors with NDT experience. However, there is a difficulty with respect to the IAF who did not require specific knowledge of the client NDT technology and systems.
- The ICEC now has representation into IAF via UKAS to encourage dialogue with ICNDT.
- There is now an update to the guidance for IAF members requiring their members to provide technically knowledgeable (NDT), auditors when providing audits on NDT certification bodies. There is a further request into the IAF via UKAS that audits of PCBs should consider sample audits of their AQB's.
- OP19 has been revised to include checks on AQB's to ensure they are in compliance with the registered PCB procedures and is awaiting approval by the IEC and the general Council.
- Following difficulties with the management of AQB's the ICEC is considering requiring PCBs who have AQB to provide evidence of audits of their AQB's to the ICEC as part of the OP19 re-registration process.



3. ICNDT Certification Executive Committee (ICEC) Operating Procedure (OP18)

- The General Assembly approved the changes to OP18 to reflect the change in size and make up of the ICEC committee.
- Currently Sajeesh Babu is acting as the temporary WG1 representative to the ICEC committee.
- The ICEC are requesting that Glenn Tubrett is made a permanent member of the ICEC committee.
- It is noted that the modification to OP18 providing additional members of the ICEC has enabled the ICEC secretary to mitigate operational restrictions imposed by the global political environment.

4. Examination Question Bank (OP 23)

4.1 Status

- Harold Jansen has uploaded the current EQB to the on-line delivery platform. Eight users successfully completed the Beta testing of the online EQB facility resulting in positive feedback.
- The fee structure for the on-line delivery method were discussed during the September ICEC meeting.

- Two organisations in Canada CWB and CINDE are now considering buying the EQB. Currently this would be under the old delivery single purchase agreement but both are interested in the new on-line delivery platform.

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