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Objective: New extension of the Non Destructive Testing certifications until 30 November 2020

Due to the evolution of the circumstances and because of the progress of the pandemic of COVID-19, the planned re-certifications from March on are affected by travel restrictions, closure of training and examination authorized centers and partial unemployment schemes.

The European Forum for National Aerospace NDT Boards, where the Spanish National Aerospace NDT Board -CNAEND- is voting member, has published a new communication with the necessary conditions to extend the current NDT certifications for a limited period, in accordance with EN4179.

With respect to the new extension of NDT certifications:

- Only the employer's Responsible Level 3 can extend the certifications, to a maximum of 4 additional months, and maximum until 30 November. The first extension for 4 months was valid till July 31.
- It only applies to NDT personnel holding valid Level 1 or Level 2 certifications. Moreover, it applies to those holding Level 3 certifications needing an additional hands-on practical examination.
- It only applies to certifications expiring on 31 March, 30 April, 31 May, 30 June, 31 July, 31 August, 30 September or 31 October, all dates in 2020.
- The original certification date will be unaffected, independently of the actual date in which the recertification takes place within the new period of 4 months mentioned above.
Example: A certificate, which will expire on 30 April 2020, extended to 30 November 2020, will require a recertification on 30 April 2025.
- Extension shall be given for each personnel and method separately.
Example: An inspector holding 2 certificates, each having an expiring date within the period mentioned above, shall receive 2 extensions of certificate, one per method.
- Extension takes precedence over possible future failed recertification examinations for any past period, which is covered by such extension. If recertification examinations take place during an extended certification period, and the individual fails such examinations, certification shall be suspended from that day on. (acc. to EN 4179 para. 8.3.2)

- The extension is valid until 30 November 2020. Postponed recertification examinations shall be performed as soon as possible, even if still covered by the extended period ending on 30 November 2020.

The **necessary conditions** to be fulfilled for the extension of the NDT certifications are:

- Operative continuity in the method/level for which he/she is qualified and certified (acc. to EN4179/NAS410 para. 8.3.2).
- During the actual certification, not having been suspended referring to “[...] *Individual’s performance is found to be deficient in any manner [...]*” (acc. to EN4179/NAS410 para. 8.3.2).
- During the actual certification, not having been revoked referring to “[...] *Individual’s conduct is found to be unethical or incompetent [...]*” (acc. to EN4179/NAS410, para. 8.3.3).

The Responsible Level 3 is shall prepare the document for the extension of the certification, including the necessary evidences to fulfill the necessary conditions mentioned here above.

The Spanish National Aviation Authority (Agencia Estatal de Seguridad Aérea - AESA), through the CNAEND, or the CNAEND, may request information regarding the herein described actions to the Spanish companies in the aeronautic field, including the list of Personnel whose certifications have been extended, and the supporting documents.

Moreover, prime contractors may request to Responsible Level 3’s of Tier-1, Tier-2, etc. company the list of Personnel whose certifications have been extended, and the supporting documents.

The CNAEND (NANDTB-Spain) has approved this communication on 31 July 2020. It is uploaded to CNAEND website (<https://www.aend.org/cnaend.php>) together with the validation of the Spanish National Aviation Authority AESA, as soon as the validation is available.

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