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ASNT POSITION PAPER ON WORLD HARMONIZATION

1. Background

ASNT SNT-TC-1A is published to serve as a guideline in the establishment of a written practice for the qualification and certification of NDT personnel involved in nondestructive testing.

ASNT has a Level III Personnel Qualification and Certification Program which has achieved eminent stature worldwide. Many countries have opted to use ASNT SNT-TC-1A as a basis for their qualification and certification schemes.

For several years, ongoing efforts have been made to bring about world harmonization in the area of NDT personnel qualification and certification. Harmonization in this instance means world accord in matters of personnel qualification and certification of NDT personnel.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this ASNT position is to work toward the achievement of worldwide harmonization among the leaders in the NDT field concerning qualification and certification by proposing the basis for such agreement being the guidelines of SNT-TC-1A. It is the goal of ASNT to be the catalyst for international harmonization in the qualification and certification of NDT personnel worldwide.

3. Scope

By definition, a cooperative effort to bring together NDT world leaders to cause the mutually acceptable qualification and certification of NDT personnel worldwide entails the NDT leadership of those countries who desire to create an environment of mutual acceptance.

4. Concept

The first step in the formulation process is to determine the world NDT leaders who are willing to pursue issuing such a document. ASNT must join this group and actively participate in the drafting of the standard. ASNT's position will be one of promoting the use of SNT-TC-1A and the ASNT NDT Level III program.

With all such standards, if it is not imposed in a buyer-seller agreement, there is no use for it. It will be ASNT's policy to actively promote the use of any such standard and to solicit comments on this standard so that it may be improved by revision. Therefore, world harmonization will be the mutual acceptance by countries of NDT personnel qualifications/certification when accomplished in accordance with this standard.

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5. Procedure

a) Through the ASNT representatives in ISO-TC-135 S.C.7, develop a mutually acceptable document by 1988. Concurrently, advise the world NDT community of the ASNT position.

b) Promote the use of SNT-TC-1A and the ASNT NDT Level III program to meet the requirements of this world standard in the proposed documents.

c) Once the worldwide standard is issued, actively promote its acceptance by the world NDT community.

d) Establish means for Society membership to review the world harmonization program on an as-needed basis.

Summary

It is the position of ASNT that the Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A should be used as the guideline for any world harmonization program. Further, the existing ASNT NDT Level III program adequately testifies to the capabilities and knowledge of those Level III candidates successfully completing the Level III requirements and therefore provides the base for Level III requirements of any world harmonization standard.