

MDMD Workgroup  
11/23/2015

NTEP Committee  
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To Whom It May Concern,

From the inception of the MDMD Workgroup, one of the goals has been to attain mutual recognition with Measurement Canada. This has been seen as beneficial to the consumer, end users, manufacturers and regulators. An effort has been made to keep the test procedures as similar as possible, while recognizing some differences.

The workgroup believes that maintaining TWO strong and viable laboratories, to evaluate MDMD equipment is a crucial component in supplying the consumer market with accurate dimensional data. Ongoing training and evaluation experience for lab personnel is necessary to maintain expertise. Timeliness to market is another important concern. Both the Ohio lab and Measurement Canada play a vital role in this process.

The MDMD Workgroup supports adding MDMD devices to the MRA and assigning Measurement Canada as the primary evaluation laboratory providing:

1. Separate evaluation checklists are used and maintained by NTEP and MC Laboratories.
2. A specification comparison document is maintained which identifies differences in specifications that require separate testing.
3. A commitment of the NTEP and MC labs to work together, to reach a position where test data can be shared in both directions. This would eliminate the need for there to be a primary laboratory, thus supporting the existing wording in Section 4 of the current MRA. Additional mutual efforts may be necessary in various areas. For example:
  - a. Test Standards and Equipment
  - b. Checklist Specific Training (Knowledge of country specific requirements.)

The Workgroup asks that this objective be reached by the 2021 renewal of the MRA.

4. A request that NTEP and MC review internal processes, with the goal of reducing the overall time between application and certificate issuance. A 30 day time frame, from application to evaluation, and a quick turnaround of test results, would provide a predictable certificate issuance schedule, and enable manufacturers to respond to market needs.

As a Workgroup we have carefully considered these recommendations, and would appreciate that his item be moved forward at the NCWM Interim meeting in January, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Kennington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'R' and 'K'.

Robert Kennington

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