



Marine Equipment Directive - IMO Approved Fire Test Laboratories - UK process for recognition

Notice to all Fire Test Laboratories, Notified Bodies and UK Nominated Bodies

This MIN expires 1 December 2017

Summary

This note is to detail the steps required to become a testing laboratory recognised by the United Kingdom Administration and notified by the MCA to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. Introduction/ Background

1.1 This note explains the process in place for test laboratories to become a UK recognised IMO fire test laboratory. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) notifies the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which then publishes a list of all recognised fire test laboratories as an IMO Circular. At the time of publishing this MIN, the latest IMO Circular was SSE.1/Circ.1/Rev.2.

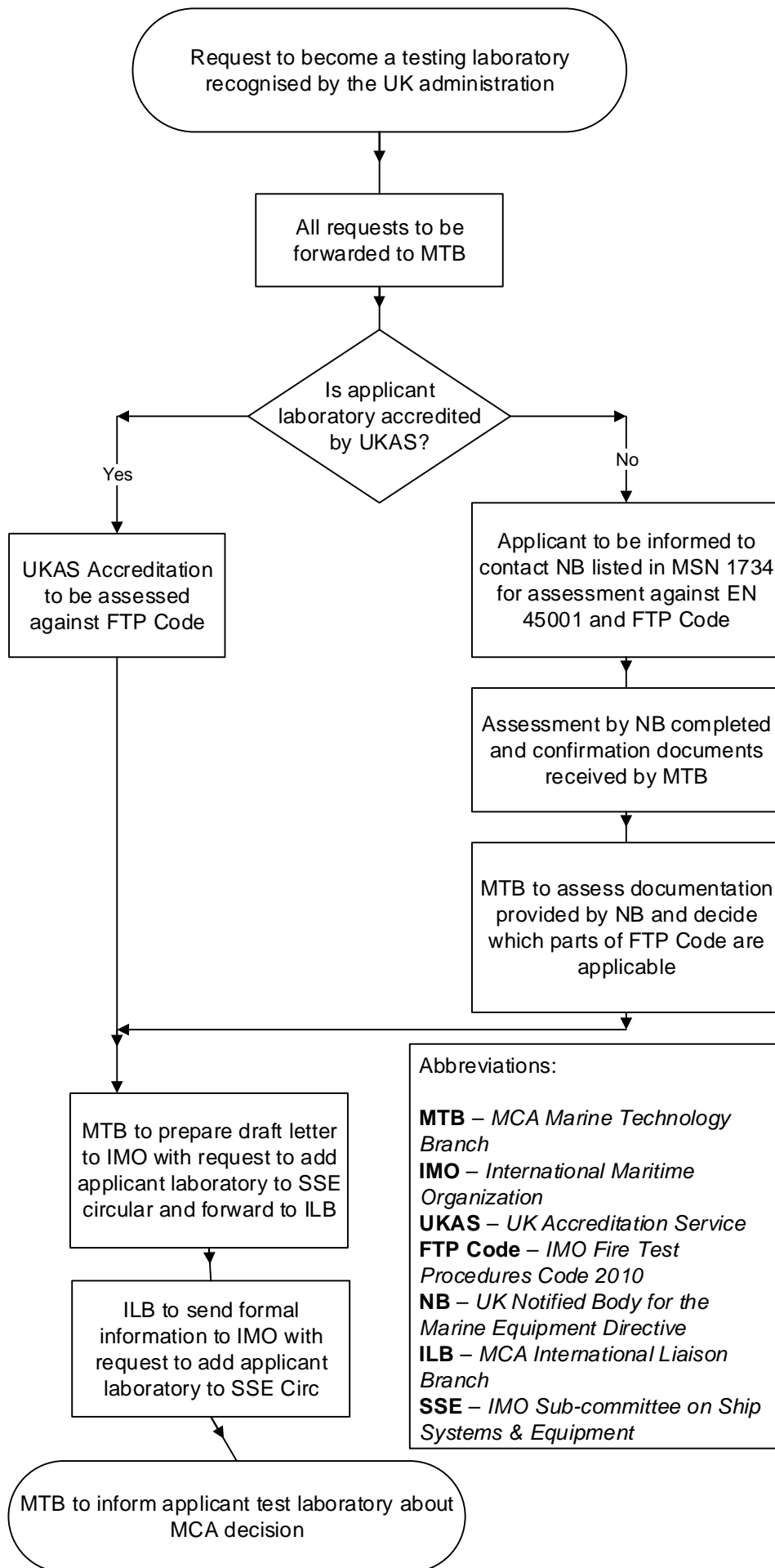
2. Instructions

2.1 The flowchart on the next page explains the two routes available to fire test laboratories seeking recognition by the UK, and listing in the latest IMO Circular.

3. Validity

3.1 The MCA does not produce or publish the IMO list of recognised fire test laboratories. That function is carried out by the IMO. The UK will notify the IMO as necessary whenever changes are required.





4. Testing & Type Approval in Accordance with Previous Versions of the FTP Code

4.1 On 1st July 2012, the Fire Test Procedures (FTP) Code 2010 (MSC. 307(88)) entered into force with transitional provisions replacing the Fire Test Procedures Code (MSC. 61(67)). Tests conducted later than one year after entry into force of the FTP Code 2010 shall be conducted in accordance with the FTP Code 2010.

4.2 The MCA and UK Notified Bodies on behalf of MCA may issue type approval certificates of products tested in accordance with the previous version of Code (MSC. 61(67)), provided the tests were conducted no later than one year after entry into force of the FTP Code 2010. The purpose is to allow test laboratories a practical period of grace to obtain the test equipment necessary to comply with the FTP Code 2010.

4.3 The MCA and UK Notified Bodies may renew a type approval of a product tested in accordance with the previous version of the Code (MSC. 61(67)) without retesting, provided that the test report is not more than 15 years old and that no alteration of components or construction has been made to the product.

4.4 Last date of testing to MSC. 61(67) – 30th June 2013
Oldest MSC. 61(67) test report for type approval revalidation – 30th June 2028
Oldest MSC. 61(67) type approval cert (expiry) – 30th June 2033

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