

# Notice to Suppliers



## COVID-19 Temporary Extension Policy With Regard to Expiring NDT Certificates

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

### **Scope/Applicability:**

All aerospace suppliers, sub-contractors and vendors approved by Rolls-Royce who conduct Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) for the following activities: - Production Product, Development Product, Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO), Manufacturing or Maintenance Services and Engineering Services.

### **Introduction:**

This Notice to Suppliers (NTS) has been issued to outline the guidance that you are required to follow with regard to extensions to NDT operators' approvals in light of the current situation with COVID-19.

The actions outlined below are to ensure external suppliers/providers who are conducting NDT on Rolls-Royce product and/or on behalf of Rolls-Royce are using approved NDT personnel with the appropriate temporary extensions to their approvals. These actions are also required to ensure that Level 3 NDT personnel approved by Rolls-Royce to control NDT in accordance with the requirements of RRP58000 approvals remain valid. Supplier Rolls-Royce Level 3 approvals is subject to each individual maintaining his/her independent external Level 3 qualification/certification. Rolls-Royce approval automatically becomes invalid if the Level 3 qualification/certification is allowed to lapse.

### **Action Required:**

For UK suppliers, sub-contractors and vendors review and comply with the UK National Aerospace NDT Board (NANDTB) advisory AD-014 for extension of EN4179 based approvals due to COVID-19 lockdown:- <https://www.bindt.org/admin/Downloads/NAndtBAD014.pdf>

For suppliers, sub-contractors and vendors operating outside of the control of the UK NANDTB, review and comply with your relevant country's NANDTB requirements for extensions to NDT operators' approvals due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

For suppliers, sub-contractors and vendors whose NDT training and certification programme is based on National Aerospace Standard (NAS) 410 governed by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) review and comply with their guidance, once issued.

For suppliers sub-contractors and vendors whose NDT training and certification programme is approved by the relevant controlling regulator e.g. Air Transport Association (ATA) 105 review and comply with the published regulators guidance for extensions to NDT operators' approvals due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

**NTS Category:**  
Engineering/Technical

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