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Acceptability

Test reports issued by a laboratory that holds National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA) approval for the particular task are normally acceptable to CASA in support of:

- An application for a type certificate or supplemental type certificate;
- An application for an APMA;
- An application for an ATSOA;
- An application for approval of a modification or repair under CAR (1988) 35.

Tests must be conducted under a test proposal agreed with CASA in accordance with the *Type Certification Procedures Manual*. Witnessing of tests by CASA is not normally required.

Conformity of test articles

The applicant must conduct a conformity inspection and make a Statement of Conformity (CASA Form 724).

The CASA Manufacturing Inspector (MI) also performs a conformity inspection to whatever level he determines, based on his knowledge of the skill and experience of the applicant. The MI completes a Conformity Inspection Record (CASA Form 882), in accordance with the *Type Certification Procedures Manual*.

Use of non-NATA Approved Laboratories

These will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Test proposals must be agreed with CASA for any testing by a laboratory that does not hold NATA approval for the particular task. Such tests may require witnessing by CASA, or a person acceptable to CASA, at the discretion of the project manager. CASA's requirements in this regard will depend on CASA's knowledge and experience of the laboratory, any nominated witness and the nature of the test.

Resolution of Issues

All issues should be handled by the formal Issue Paper process as contained in the Type Certification Procedures Manual. The CASA delegate should not issue the approval until satisfied that compliance with the regulations has been shown.

Enquiries

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