



## DECISION

18.02.2025 nr 1.1-2/25/37

### **Recognition of the Estonian Non-Destructive Testing Board (ENDTB)**

## RESOLUTION

1. To recognize the state institution Estonian Aviation Academy (registration code 70005699) as the national governing body for non-destructive testing in Estonian aviation in accordance with the directive of the Director of the Aviation Services of the Estonian Transport Administration.
2. This decision shall enter into force upon its notification.

### **Procedure for Contesting the Decision**

The decision may be contested within 30 days by submitting a challenge to the Estonian Transport Administration (Valge 4, Tallinn 11413, info@transpordiamet.ee) in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act or by filing a complaint with the Tallinn Administrative Court in accordance with the Code of Administrative Court Procedure.

### **Course of Proceedings**

1. On 21 October 2024, the Estonian Transport Administration approached the Estonian Aviation Academy with a proposal to establish a national governing body for non-destructive testing in Estonian aviation (hereinafter ENDTB), foreseeing the Estonian Aviation Academy as the main executor of the associated responsibilities.
2. On 29 October 2024, the Estonian Aviation Academy confirmed its readiness to assume the above-mentioned role.
3. On 13 February 2025, the Estonian Aviation Academy submitted the ENDTB statutes along with supporting documentation and an application for the recognition of the Academy as the national governing body for non-destructive testing in aviation to the Estonian Transport Administration (document management system reference: 13.5-6/25/2619-1).
4. The Estonian Transport Administration assessed the compliance of the ENDTB statutes with the criteria of standard EVS-EN 4179:2021 and determined that the Estonian Aviation Academy meets all the stipulated requirements (reference: Supervision report 13.5-5/25/2600).

### **Legal Justifications and Basis**

1. According to § 4 (1) and (2) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), discretionary powers granted to an administrative authority must be exercised within the limits of authorization, in

line with the purpose of discretion and general principles of law, considering relevant circumstances and balancing justified interests.

2. Pursuant to § 5 (1) of the APA, the form of procedural acts and other specifics of administrative procedure shall be determined by the administrative authority based on discretion, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation.
3. Under § 6 of the APA, the administrative authority is obliged to ascertain facts relevant to the case and, if necessary, collect evidence on its own initiative.
4. According to § 38 (1), (2), and (3) of the APA, the administrative authority may request parties or other individuals involved in the proceedings to submit evidence and information in their possession that is relevant for determining the facts of the matter. Evidence may include explanations from parties, documentary evidence, physical evidence, on-site inspection, witness statements, and expert opinions. Parties must disclose all facts and evidence known to them that may influence the case; failure to do so may result in dismissal of an application for a favorable administrative act.
5. In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014 point 145.A.30(f), first sentence, organizations must ensure that staff performing or verifying non-destructive tests related to the continued airworthiness of aircraft structure or components are qualified according to a European or equivalent standard recognized by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).
6. According to point 145.B.120(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1321/2014, EASA develops Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) that may be used to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and its delegated and implementing acts.
7. According to EASA Executive Director Decision No. 2021/009/R of 14 June 2021, AMC 145.A.30(f), paragraph 4 stipulates that regardless of the general reference to a national Non-Destructive Testing Board (NDTB) in EN 4179, all examinations should be conducted by personnel or organizations under the general control of such a board. In the absence of a national NDTB, one from another Member State designated by the competent authority should be used.
8. According to Annex C, section C.2 of the standard EVS-EN 4179:2021 Aerospace series – Qualification and approval of personnel for non-destructive testing, an NDT Board is an independent national aviation organization representing the national aviation industry, recognized in writing by the national regulatory authority, and supporting NDT qualification services in accordance with the standard.
9. The national competent authority must formally recognize the NDT Board in writing.
10. According to § 7 (10) of the Aviation Act, the Estonian Transport Administration is the competent authority under the Implementing Regulations of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, unless otherwise provided by law or secondary legislation.

### **Justifications by the Estonian Transport Administration**

The Estonian Transport Administration has assessed the compliance of the Estonian Aviation Academy's Estonian Non-Destructive Testing Board (ENDTB) with the criteria of the standard EVS-EN 4179:2021 and determined that it meets all the requirements applicable to a national governing body for non-destructive testing in aviation (reference: Supervision report no. 13.5-5/25/2600-1).



**On the basis of the above considerations and the evidence assessed in this matter, the Estonian Transport Administration grants the Estonian Aviation Academy (registration code 70005699) the status of the recognized national governing body for non-destructive testing in aviation.**

(signed digitally)  
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