

1. INTRODUCTION

These standards are the minimum requirement for agencies, Non-governmental Organizations (NGO) and companies, operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan in the framework of mine action program. This document determines procedures of registration and certification of agencies, NGOs or companies (herein after referred to as “contractors”) that intend to conduct mine action-related activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

These standards have been standardized to allow ANAMA staff in Azerbaijan to plan or assess the conduct of mine action tasks within the region and to provide basis for comment on any such activity.

The purpose of technical and safety standards is to help establish an environment that reflects technical competence, which results in quality assurance and control of mine action operations. Technical standards will promote safety and provide safe environment for mine action operations in Azerbaijan.

The standards, specified in this document, are the minimum acceptable by Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) on behalf of the Government of Azerbaijan. All mine action operations in Azerbaijan will follow these minimum standards. Violations of these standards will result in a recommendation to the Government that the work, carried out by the organization, does not meet the required parameters for completion certification.

All mine/UXO clearance, carried out under the auspices of ANAMA, is subject to Quality Assurance and Quality Control. This will involve the following components:

- a) Training course standards, accepted by ANAMA, which trains deminers, team leaders and supervisors for mine clearance and medical and communications training, associated with mine clearance.
- b) Adherence to training standards by deminers and UXO operators.
- c) Adequate supervision at all levels of the mine clearance process as well as periodic checks by all supervisory levels.
- d) A specified portion of the cleared area may be subject to a final check, if a suspected risk still exists after the clearance task has been completed, or where the overall clearance process creates conditions which make this additional quality control measure necessary. ANAMA staff or another agency may carry out this check.

Careless, inconsistent or poorly enforced procedures may lead to accidents and mine clearance work, which does not provide the necessary confidence level to approve the hand-over of the land for other use after it has been cleared.

Technical standards provide the basis for confidence building for deminers, UXO operators and for those, who are eventually going to use cleared land. Technical standards encompass all aspects of the mine clearance process from management to the individual deminer or operator. They include the necessary support and equipment elements to ensure smooth and safe operations.

Rules and Regulations Flow Chart

