

## **IMAS Review Board Progress Update**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

### Meeting Minutes

- IMAS Review Board (04th February 2019)  
[https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting\\_Minutes/20190305\\_Minutes\\_IMAS\\_Review\\_Board\\_Meeting\\_Feb\\_2019\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting_Minutes/20190305_Minutes_IMAS_Review_Board_Meeting_Feb_2019_FINAL.pdf)
- IMAS Steering Group (22nd May 2019)  
[https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting\\_Minutes/20190530\\_IMAS\\_SG\\_22May-meeting\\_minutes\\_Final.pdf](https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting_Minutes/20190530_IMAS_SG_22May-meeting_minutes_Final.pdf)

### **IMAS Governance Review**

The Steering Group has commissioned an independent evaluation of the governance system through which the IMAS framework is developed and maintained. The evaluation will be conducted by EY Paris and will include interviews with RB members and other stakeholders. More information will be provided by the Secretariat in the coming weeks.

### **IMAS Proposals**

The Steering Group accepted proposals for the development of IMAS on Human Remains and on Accident Investigation.

### Revised Standards, TNMA and T&EP

The following new/updated standards have been uploaded to the IMAS website in 2019.

- IMAS 04.10 Glossary of Mine Action Terms and Definitions (Ed. 2, Am.10)
- IMAS 05.10 Information Management for Mine Action (Ed. 2)
- IMAS 07.14 Risk Management in Mine Action (Ed. 1)
- IMAS 09.13 Building Clearance (Ed. 1)
- IMAS 09.31 Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (Ed. 1)
- T&EP 09.31/2019 IEDD Competency Standards (Ed. 1)
- 09.41 Accreditation and Testing of animal detection systems and handlers (DRAFT - temporary approval)
- TNMA 10.40/01/2019 – Medical Support (Ed. 1)

### Substantive Amendments:

#### **IMAS 05.10 Annex C “Min Data Requirements for Mine Action”**

A revised version of the document was distributed on 11<sup>th</sup> September. There is still some work required, mainly on EO categorization. A further discussion on this was held with members that attended the ADS workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> October. A final version is being developed and will be sent out for an electronic vote in the coming days.

#### **IMAS 10.40 “Medical Support to Demining Operations”**

Feedback that was provided by members has been consolidated and provided to the author (ICRC) for comment/analysis.

#### **IMAS 12.10 – Explosive Ordnance Risk Education**

An updated version was submitted by the MRE working group, this document was distributed for a final review by the Board, the deadline for comments has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> November following requests from some members. A number of members have already provided

comments which, along with any further feedback, will be incorporated and the final version will then be distributed for an electronic vote.

### **IMAS 13.10 – Victim Assistance**

A draft standard was submitted by the VA working group and has been distributed to the Board for a final review, the deadline for comments has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> November following requests from some members. A number of comments have already been received. Any feedback will be incorporated, and the final version will then be distributed for an electronic vote.

### **Expert Thematic Working Groups**

Working groups were established in 2018 and 2019 and have been coordinated by member focal points (FP). The IEDD Competencies, Victim Assistance, and Risk Education working groups have completed their mandate and have been disbanded.

### **Building IEDD Working Group (focal point: Ms. Tammy Hall / Mr. Rob White, GICHD)**

Following discussions during the Review Board meeting on the 04<sup>th</sup> February the group were tasked with re-developing material on building survey for potential inclusion into IMAS 08.10, NTS. Work on is ongoing.

### **ADS Working Group (focal point: Mr. Stanislav Damjanovic, GICHD)**

Regular working group meetings have been held via WebEx since February (15<sup>th</sup> April, 04<sup>th</sup> June, 03<sup>rd</sup> September). These meetings resulted in two draft standards (one in Series 7 and the other in Series 9) that were debated at a two-day IMAS ADS working group meeting which was held in Geneva on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October. Significant progress was made by during this meeting and the working group is preparing a set of recommendations for the Review Board.

Next steps: Minutes of the ADS meeting to be completed, to include further action points for the working group.

### **Accident Investigation (focal point: Mr. Roly Evans, GICHD)**

Following Approval by the Steering Group a working group has been established to review IMAS 10.60 on accident investigation. A number of members have joined the group. The first meeting was conducted via WebEx on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Technical Notes for Mine Action**

- The latest draft of TNMA 07.10/01 (Residual Risk Management) was provided to the Board for comment at the meeting in February. Feedback received (from two members to date) is being incorporated into the document.
- TNMA 07.10/02 (All Reasonable Effort) is in the final stages of development. The Board can expect a draft to review within Q4.
- The proposal for TNMA on KPIs was accepted by over 25% of members. The document is being developed by the GICHD and will focus on Land Release KPIs.

### **AOB/Outstanding Issues**

#### **IMAS Website**

The public part of the new IMAS website was launched on 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
<https://www.mineactionstandards.org/>



Ongoing work has been completed on the user profiles and the associated document management system. The system will be piloted in Q4, a number of RB members have already agreed to take part in the pilot and have been set up with user accounts.

### **IMAS Translations**

The standards approved by the IACG-MA in Q1 and Q2 are being translated into Arabic. This initiative should be completed in mid-November with translations available on the website by the end of the year.

### **Minor Amendments**

- TNMA 12.10/01/2018 Risk Education for Improvised Explosive Devices (provisional draft) will be updated based on the terminology agreed by the Board in 2018 and 2019.
- The term EO will be incorporated across the series.
- Secretary to prepare a report on all the instances of 'Search' within the IMAS series.
- A minor amendment to principle j) in IMAS 07.11 is being developed by UNMAS.
- NPA has contacted the Secretariat to highlight a number of formatting inconsistencies across the series, a complete review of formatting will be conducted by the Secretariat in 2019 and 2020.

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