

IMAS Review Board Progress Update

09th April 2019

IMAS Website

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

Work is ongoing on user profiles and the associated document management system.

IMAS Review Board Minutes 04TH February 2019

Approved minutes are on the Website:

https://www.mineactionstandards.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Files/IMAS/Meeting_Minutes/20190305_Minutes_IMAS_Review_Board_Meeting_Feb_2019_FINAL.pdf

Revised Standards

The following new/updated standards have been uploaded to the IMAS website:

- 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 09.13 Building Clearance (Ed. 1)
- IMAS 09.31 Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (Ed. 1)

Expert Working Groups

Working groups have been established, coordinated by member focal points (FP) some members have chosen to redistribute tasks/attendance within their own organisations.

IEDD Competencies Working Group (GICHD, Roly E)

The group were provided with the latest draft T&EP 09.31 and associated competency matrix for final edit and review:

WebEx meeting 01st March

- The group agreed that IMAS EOD level 1 would not be a pre-requisite for IMAS IEDD Level 1.
- IMAS IEDD Level 2, 3 and 3+ will require equivalent IMAS EOD Level qualification as a prerequisite.
- Additional competencies on ordnance recognition and Explosive Handling and Safety need to be added to IEDD Level 1.
- The vocational hours column in TEP 09.31 is to be removed.
- The text of the document is to be strengthened, clearly highlighting the recommendation that NMAAs specify periods of time between training for each Level, ideally this time would include field experience which should be logged formally in some way.
- Canine competency to be included in IEDD Level 3+ in TEP 09.31.

Next steps:

- The focal point distributed the latest draft on 25th March, deadline final comments have been received and a final draft competency matrix is currently being developed. Once complete it will be circulated to the Review Board for an electronic vote.

Building IEDD Working Group (GICHD, Tammy H)

- Following discussions during the Review Board meeting on the 04th February the group were tasked with re-developing material on building survey for inclusion into IMAS 08.10, NTS.

WebEx meeting, 28th February

- The group agreed that principles of NTS are the same for the urban or rural context. However, the skill set of surveyors may differ.
- 08.10 IMAS should be updated with additional material.
- Some members of the group will share their organisation`s SOPs, following which an alternative text will be developed and assessed / discussed during the next WG meeting for inclusion in IMAS 08.10, NTS.
- Threat Assessment Annex in IMAS 07.14, Risk Management will be referenced in IMAS 8.10, NTS

Next steps:

- Sub-group will report back with edited text. Focal point to share edited text among WG members and suggests a date for the next meeting.

Victim Assistance Working Group (HI, Elke H)

A ToR was developed and shared with the group along with a draft standard on 01st March. This included suggestions for additional members. Comments were provided by a number of members.

First meeting 29th March, GICHD and WeBex

- Detailed discussions were held over the scope and format of the document;
 - It was agreed that the IMAS should be written specifically for mine action actors, and assist in delineating where responsibilities begin and end.
- Sub-groups were assigned to review and edit the following sections;
 - Introduction
 - Scope
 - 9.1 NMAA responsibilities
 - 9.4 Mine Action Operator responsibilities
 - UN and Donor responsibilities

Next steps:

- Sub-groups will report back with edited text. Focal point to determine the requirement/suggest a date for the next meeting.

ADS Working Group (GICHD, Tammy H)

The group has been contacted to arrange their first meeting. This is likely to be via WeBex on 15th of April. Additional members have joined including; INMAA and Dr Adeo Schoon.

Next steps:

- Webex meeting to determine way forward.

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

The latest update is still being developed based on comments received before the meeting on 04th February, once this has been completed it will be distributed to members for an electronic vote.

IMAS 07.14 - Risk Management in Mine Action (draft)

Changes were made based on feedback provided by the Board, a revised draft was sent out on 14th March. A deadline for responding has been set for 11th April. To date 13 voting members have responded positively (2 provided minor comments).

Figure 4 in Annex C “*IED Threat Analysis and Threat Assessment*” has been revised and will be shared with the Risk/Threat Working Group before being included in the final document.

IMAS 09.41– Accreditation testing of animal detection systems and handlers

The revised document was sent out for a vote on temporary approval. Nine voting members have responded, all agree with the provisional approval. A final email has been sent to those members that have not yet responded.

IMAS 12.10 – Mine Risk Education

Secretary to update latest draft and forward to working group focal point for validation before posting on the website.

IMAS Proposals

The Chair has forwarded proposals for IMAS on Human Remains and accident investigation to the IMAS Steering Group. Their formal response will be made available to the Board asap.

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. This has been re-sent with a deadline for providing feedback has been set for 15th May.
- TNMA 07.10/02 (All Reasonable Effort) is under development. It has been contracted out to an expert consultant and an earlydraft has been reviewed by the Secretary. Work is ongoing and the next draft is expected in April.
- TNMA 10.40/01/9A (Medical Support) was approved by the Board is being formatted by the Secretary and will be available on the IMAS website on or before 30th April.
- Four members and one observer have responded positively to the proposal for TNMA KPIs

AOB/Outstanding Actions

- Secretary to prepare a report on all the instances of ‘Search’ within the IMAS series.
- Minor amendments need to be made to IMAS 07.11, 08.10 and 08.20.

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