

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

## The World Organisation for NDT

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Dear representatives of the ICNDT Member Societies, Colleagues,

## **ICNDT** and the Russia Sanctions Regulations

The ICNDT has been closely monitoring the situation with regard to sanctions against Russia mandated by the European Union and others. With time, the Regulations have been tightened to limit a wide range of services and the exchange of information with Russia and apply to any organisation based in the European Union. The ICNDT Constitution states that the ICNDT is an association with its seat in Vienna and is thus governed by Austrian law and therefore the sanctions mentioned in the Regulation apply to ICNDT and its activities.

The ICNDT Executive, in respect of the duties assigned by the ICNDT Constitution, articles 8.2 '...to supervise the execution of policy approved by the International Committee, in accordance with this Constitution', in compliance with the EU Regulations, deems the Russia Sanctions Regulations as sufficiently 'serious grounds' and has decided as follows:

- Delivery of any ICNDT service to Russian Member Societies to any Russian organisation and to any person with Russian citizenship is temporarily terminated with immediate effect.
- For the duration of this termination, representatives, delegates and experts from Russia or with Russian citizenship are not permitted to attend any ICNDT meeting, including General Assembly meetings and Working Groups.
- ICNDT Members and members of the ICNDT community are prohibited from circumventing the sanctions, in accordance with the applicable regulation.

Consequent to the above, it is necessary to withdraw temporarily the Russian Society for Non-Destructive Testing and Technical Diagnostics' (RSNTTD's) ICNDT membership and any technical services, including registration in the ICNDT MRA Schedule 1, and consequently all membership benefits including public relations services related to improving the image of members and their relationship with the general public and other institutions, including exhibition area(s) at ICNDT-hosted events.

Bringing these measures into force with immediate effect is required to ensure alignment with international partners and will also put further pressure on the Russian government, with the aim of urgently ending the war in Ukraine. The measures will be in place until the Sanctions are lifted or removed, and it is the wish of the ICNDT that conditions will allow the Russian NDT community, organisations and citizens to be welcomed back into the ICNDT Community.

For and behalf of the International Committee for Non-Destructive Testing (ICNDT),

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