

Foreword

The National Technical Standards and Guidelines (NTSG) for Demining in Jordan are essential to enable the National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR) to plan and assess the demining operations within Jordan. The aim of this document is to provide demining organisations with a reference for the conduct of field operations. It has been produced using experiences gained locally and incorporates lessons and best practices learned in other theatres worldwide.

Variations in procedures and methods of operation are to be expected amongst the different organisations. Therefore, these **Guidelines** provide an example of practices accepted by the NCDR, and will provide the basis for the accreditation process which is required of all operators.

One of the main aims of this document is to be a compact 'user friendly' tool that allows the greatest operational flexibility to clearance organisations, while introducing a minimum level of conformity.

This document is not intended to replace or replicate Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) nor does it absolve demining organisations from the responsibility of producing their own SOPs. Conversely, these Guidelines and Technical Standards are intended to be used as an aid in developing SOPs, by detailing the minimum standards and accepted methods for conducting mine clearance operations in a safe and efficient manner.

All demining organisations conducting demining related activities in Jordan, shall ensure that their Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) conform to the NTSG.

Finally, this document is designed to be a "living" text. The procedures and practices described will be continually reviewed in order to ensure they remain relevant to the current mine and UXO situation, and keep up with advances in technology.

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Terms, definitions and abbreviations

The term 'National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR)' refers to the institution in Jordan charged with the regulation, management and coordination of mine action in Jordan.

The term 'demining organisation' refers to any organisation (government, REC, NGO or commercial entity) responsible for implementing demining projects or tasks. The demining organisation may be a prime contractor, subcontractor, consultant or agent.

The term 'demining sub-unit' refers to an element of a demining organisation, however named, that is operationally accredited to conduct one or more prescribed demining activities, such as manual mine clearance, mechanical or MDD assistance to clearance operations.

The words 'shall', 'should' and 'may' are used to convey the intended degree of compliance. This use is consistent with the language used in ISO standards and guides:

- a) 'shall' is used to indicate requirements, methods or specifications that are to be applied in order to conform to the standard.
- b) 'should' is used to indicate the preferred requirements, methods or specifications.
- c) 'may' is used to indicate a possible method or course of action.

A similar meaning is adopted in the English version of these NS, with suitable translations adopted in the Arabic version.

A complete glossary of all the terms, definitions and abbreviations used can be found in the IMAS 04.10.

Amendment Record

The management of NTSG amendments are subject to formal review on regular basis by NCDR, however this does not preclude amendments being made within these three-year periods for reasons of operational safety and efficiency or for editorial purposes.

As amendments are made to this NTSG they will be given a number, and the date and general details of the amendment shown in the table below.

As the formal reviews of NTSG are completed new editions may be issued. Amendments up to the date of the new edition will be incorporated into the new edition and the amendment record table cleared. Recording of amendments will then start again until a further review is carried out.

The most recently amended NTSG will be made available by NCDR.

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