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The methodology for ‘Approval’ of NDT personnel is not specified in Directive 97/23/EC, and it was agreed by the European Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum (CABF) that guidance was required in order to ensure a consistent approach to the application of the Directive and the implementation of Working Group Pressure Guideline 6/13 (17th March 2004) by Recognized Third Party Organisations (RTPO) (see Annex C).

As a result, a Code of Practice (CoP) was developed from a draft proposed by The European Federation for NDT. This CoP was published as CABF TRG 0034 on 24th November 2004, with a recommendation that this document be submitted to CEN for possible development as a Technical Report (TR) or Specification (TS).