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NOTE TO INDUSTRY (NTI)

TOPIC MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETENT PERSON TO MONITOR, TEST OR ASSESS THE ENVIRONMENT OF ANY WORKPLACE FOR ANY POTENTIAL HEALTH HAZARD				Reference Number 2024/NTI/09
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Purpose: This Note to Industry (NTI) serves to inform all relevant stakeholders with regards to the minimum requirements for competent person as stipulated under Regulation 39 of the Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations, 2014.

Under Regulation 39 (6) of the Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations, 2014 it states that the atmosphere of any place of work in which toxic substances are manufactured, handled, used or given off shall be tested by a **competent person** at sufficient intervals to ensure that toxic dust, fumes, gases, fibres, mists or vapours are not present in quantities liable to injure the health of persons at work.

Additionally, SHENA may by order in writing, require the occupier of the workplace to engage this competent person (either employed by the organization or outsource) to monitor, test or assess the environment of any workplace for potential health hazard and to take air samples in the breathing zone of the persons who are exposed to toxic dust, fume or other contaminants by using appropriate personal sampling equipment as stipulated under Regulation 39 (7) of the Workplace Safety And Health (General Provisions) Regulations, 2014.

All relevant stakeholders are further reminded of Regulation 40 of the Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) Regulations, 2014 that it shall be the duty of the occupier of a workplace to take

all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that no person at work in the workplace is exposed by the means of exceeding the Permissible Exposure Levels of Toxic Substances as specified in the First Schedule.

SHENA hereby announces the minimum qualifications required for an individual to qualify as competent person as follows:

1. Completed and passed the examination of the **OHTA201 - Basic Principles in Occupational Hygiene** training course at any approved training provider by the Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA) **or** Attended and Pass the CH-M-8004 Occupational Hygiene module from Micro-Master of Occupational Health & Safety (MMOHS), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) or equivalent/ higher as determined by the Authority; and
2. Completed and passed the examination of the **OHTA501 – Measurement of Hazardous Substances** training course at any approved training provider by the Occupational Hygiene Training Association (OHTA) **or** equivalent/higher as determined by the Authority.

In addition to the qualification above, the individual needs to have at least **one (1) year** of relevant experience in the field of Occupational/ Industrial Hygiene (including work placement/ attachment).

Registration under SHENA is not required for competent persons, however individuals who meet the qualification and work experience are required to notify SHENA via email cid@shena.gov.bn. SHENA may publish and provide the listing of this competent person as required.

Should there be any further clarifications be required on this matter, please email your enquiries to cid@shena.gov.bn or contact the SHENA Office general line at + 673 238 2000 / +673 272 2200 anytime during office hours.

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