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COVID-19 Update: Highlighting Flexibility for WTSR Refresher and Core Course Training

Dear All,

For those of you who are using the Wind Turbine Safety Rules please see the following update on refresher and core training.

Wind Turbine Safety Rules (WTSR) Core Course training has a validity period of 3 years. Refresher training is required in order to maintain nomination / authorisation under company's WTSR as per the advisory notice, WTSR Advisory Notice - WTSR Refresher Training (January 2019). The training can be extended up to 5 years as per the refresher training guidance, Wind Turbine Safety Rules Support Procedure P-6 2015 Issue 2. It is the responsibility of the companies how they formally document and extend this training, including making an assessment that the extension would not create any safety risk.

For the delivery of WTSR Core Course training for someone who's training has expired or never had one, it is preferred that the training is provided face-to-face in a class room environment. However, conducting an online training for the Core Course is an option that the companies could take in the current circumstances, ensuring that the approved trainer and the course participants can interact without any problem. The training should then be followed by an online test. It is the responsibility of the companies how they document and conduct this training by making sure that the level and quality of the training is not compromised.

Important Notice:

- The measure does not constitute a general exemption towards employers and duty-holders to ensure their employees have adequate competencies and assessment before they are allowed to carry out their designated duties under their WTSR.
- It remains employers prerogative to make decisions on whether to require full WTSR Core Course training or give extension to their employees.

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