



*International
mine action standards*



IMAS

Geneva International Centre for
Humanitarian Demining
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Démunage Humanitaire - Genève



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'New IMAS'

- **IMAS 03.10 Guide to procurement**
- **IMAS 03.20 Procurement process**
- **IMAS 03.30 Test and evaluation**
- **IMAS 03.40 Guide to research**
- **IMAS 11.30 National planning guidelines SD**
- **IMAS 11.40 Monitoring and verification of SD**

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Technical Notes (TNMA)

- **Purely advisory**
- **Supplement IMAS in more technical detail or provide guidance**
- **Provide technical advise on operational issues**
- **Forum to share experience and lessons learned**
- **Available on JMU website**

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Technical Notes (TNMA)

- 01.10 Guide to TNMA
- 08.20 PMN 3
- 09.10 PROM Detection Warning
- 09.30/1 EOD Clearance of AFV
- 09.30/2 EOD Clearance of Depleted Uranium (DU)

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Technical Notes (TNMA)

In draft format or under development

- 08.10 National Survey (Impact) Protocols
- 10.20 Explosion Danger Areas

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Aims of 'OUTREACH'

- **Discuss and explore the practical application of the proposed IMAS standards and guides;**
- **Identify further changes which may be needed;**
- **Assist national mine action authorities to develop (and if necessary amend) their own national standards and SOPs to reflect the requirements of IMAS; and**
- **Develop a broad consensus for IMAS - at a political as well as a technical level.**

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'OUTREACH' Programme

- **Workshop in Managua conducted in January 2001.**
- **Workshop in Zagreb conducted in April 2001.**

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'OUTREACH' Programme

□ Workshops confirmed for:

- **Lima** **31 May 2001**
- **Maputo** **19 June 2001**
- **Beirut** **03 July 2001**
- **Bangkok** **17 July 2001**

□ PM visits requested by:

- **Cambodia**
- **Chad**
- **Lebanon**

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The Future ?

□ Obtain donor funding for the preparation of IMAS:

- **'05.10 Series'** **Information Management**
- **'06 Series'** **Training Needs**
- **'09.50 Series'** **Mechanical**

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The Future ?

- **Integrate IMAS '12 Series' Mine Awareness into IMAS. (UNICEF to develop).**
- **Confirm need for IMAS '14 Series' Victim Assistance with WHO.**
- **Develop a revision and review mechanism.**

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Review and revision

- **Review each IMAS every three years.**
- **Develop formal review and revision framework.**
- **First to be reviewed during 2002 are those that took most development.**
- **Appoint a Review and Revision Committee under the chair of UNMAS.**

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Review and revision

- **Formal meetings to be held at annual UN National Directors and PM/CTA meeting.**
- **'Out of Board' review by E Mail.**
- **Board to approve new IMAS and decide which TNMA migrate to full IMAS status.**

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STANDARD - ISO DEFINITION

A standard is a documented agreement containing technical specifications or other precise criteria to be used consistently as rules, guidelines, or definitions of characteristics to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for their purpose.

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Normative Elements - Language

shall/shall not

used to indicate requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the standard and from which no deviation is permitted.

should/should not

used to indicate that, among several possibilities, one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required, or that (in the negative form) a certain possibility or course of action is depreciated but not prohibited.

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Normative Elements - Language

may/need not

used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard.

can/cannot

used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical or casual.

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Purpose of standards

- ❑ **Provide common, agreed levels of performance.**
- ❑ **Demonstrate agreement and consensus.**
- ❑ **Facilitate the exchange of information.**
- ❑ **Contribute to cost effectiveness.**

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Legal position

- ❑ **IMAS in themselves have no legal status; they are not “international law”.**
- ❑ **They only gain legal status by inclusion in a “contract”, MoU or other legal instrument.**

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