Recommendation 25 (March 2011)

It is recommended that:

- (i) The laboratories that carry out type approval tests shall carry out all tests using testing facilities that conform to the relevant EN-standard(s). If deviations of test procedures from EN-standards occur, improvements are needed to minimize deviations and thus give more confidence in the results
- (ii) Where deviations from any of the requirements of the EN standard occur they shall be stated clearly in the relevant type approval test report(s). The type approval test reports should also be included with a full justification of deviations; otherwise the test report may be rejected.
- (iii) Where there are identified deviations from test procedures pointed out by any third party, an official complaint shall be addressed to the laboratory with a requirement to justify the deviations and to estimate the consequences of the results of the deviation(s) to the uncertainty budget.
- (iv) Where there are incorrect or missing test results present in the type-approval report, it is usually possible to make "worst case" estimates of these components. These should be evaluated using all available data and included in the calculation of the measurement uncertainty budget of the reference method. Where this conforms to the data quality objectives, this may be accepted.
- (v) Where there is no full test report available by the test laboratory to present the test procedures according to the relevant EN-standards the test results shall be rejected.

DRAFT Recommendation 26 (March 2011)

It is recommended that:

- (i) That the NRL, or another organisation (e.g. AQ network with assistance from the NRL) carrying out ongoing QA/QC at a national level, according to sections 9.4 of the relevant EN standards, in order to quantify the significant measurement uncertainties of the reference methods used in the field, shall be accredited according to ISO EN 17025,
- ((ii) Accreditation to the ISO EN 17025 standard should be sought and granted for all the technical activities involved with the ongoing QA/QC activities given in the CEN standards that are carried out at a national level)