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Preface

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The objective of this document is to specify minimum requirements for the training and certification of security dogs and handlers.

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Section 1 Scope and general

1.1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for the training and certification of security dogs and handlers. In this document, security dogs (detection) includes both biosecurity detection dogs (BDD) and explosive detection dogs (EDD).

Specifically, this document is intended to —

- (a) prescribe the level of competency that a qualified handler is expected to achieve;
- (b) provide a method for assessing the current competence of a handler with prior qualification or training;

NOTE Evaluation may be undertaken by a person competent (1.3) in canine training or an employer.
- (c) provide minimum requirements for a training facility in the development of a training course;
- (d) be used by certification agencies to assess training provided to a handler; and
- (e) be used to assess and certify security dog facilities that deliver the training.

This document aims to raise the standard of training for security dogs (detection) so they are better equipped for deployment in tactical areas such as counter terrorism. Specific training components are suggested in this document to assist in reducing the number of poorly trained or untrained, dangerous and ineffective dogs in security roles.

This document does not apply to —

- (i) security dogs that are deployed without supervision; or
- (ii) dogs deployed for conservation detection work.

1.2 Application

This document is intended for use by handlers and training facilities for security and detection dogs.

1.3 Normative references

The following document is referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of its content constitutes requirements of this document.

NOTE Documents for informative purposes are listed in the Bibliography

AS 5350.1, *Privately contracted security and detection dogs, Part 1: Acquisition, welfare, training, deployment and retirement*

1.4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.