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AVIATION FUEL RELEASE CERTIFICATES	Bulletin 17-01 Rev. 1 - 0
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The actions called for in EI/JIG 1530 “Quality Assurance Requirements for the Manufacture, Storage and Distribution of Aviation Fuels to Airports” 1st Edition with respect to the signing of Release Certificates were not consistent with the role and responsibilities of TIC Council member companies given that independent inspection companies are not operators of storage sites and do not have any element of control over the product in storage. However, the recommended forms for release certificates were amended in the second edition of the standard published in May 2019 (included in this bulletin – Annex B, part B7 -2nd edition).¹

The so-called “three part” format for release certificate forms recommended for use is more flexible, with the necessary data being split into three parts, each requiring a separate signature.

It should be noted that part 3 can only be completed / signed by the terminal or refinery that has control over the product.

TIC Council member company staff should refer to Sec 8.4.4 of the EI 7 JIG 1530 2nd edition text to understand the release certificate significance and the roles and responsibilities of the personnel involved.

TIC Council member company staff can, if supplied with the necessary information, complete and sign parts 1 and 2 of the B7 type form without any issue. TIC Council members *shall not complete part 3 of any such form under any circumstances, nor should they sign any format forms that does not clearly split the responsibilities between the Terminal/Refinery and the Inspection Company.* The letterhead of the release form should be agreed and documented between the Fuel Owner and the Terminal/Refinery.

It is stressed that independent inspection companies are neither the custodians of the product or the releasing authority. Part 3, and hence the actual release, can only be completed by the appropriate storage company staff.

The role of the independent inspector is typically quite separate from that of the site operator, as inspectors do not have fiscal or operational control of the aviation fuel. *The control of the fuel rests with the terminal operations staff, so it is they who have the signatory responsibility for part 3 of the new format Release Certificate.*

<u>Revisions/Reaffirmations</u>	
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¹ Full text at <https://publishing.energyinst.org/topics/aviation/aviation-fuel-handling/1530>

Annex 1 – Example of Three-Part Release Certificate

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF AVIATION FUELS TO AIRPORTS

B.7 EXAMPLE RELEASE CERTIFICATE (PIPELINE, OCEAN TANKER, COASTAL/INLAND WATERWAY VESSEL)

1. THE FOLLOWING TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPPLYING REFINERY, TERMINAL OR INSPECTOR

Serial no.:	
Supplying installation:	Date:
Dispatched to:	Vessel:
Grade/specification:	Pipeline:
Order no:	

Date: _____ Name: _____
Signature: _____

2. LOADING TANK DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED BY INSPECTOR, OR SUPPLYING REFINERY OR TERMINAL

Tank number	Batch number/ certificate number	Sample number	Quantity (units)	Conductivity (pS/m @ deg.C)	Density/gravity @ 15 °C/60 °F
				/	
				/	
				/	
				/	
				/	

Date: _____ Name: _____
Signature: _____

3. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPPLYING REFINERY OR TERMINAL

Certified that the products detailed herein conform to the relevant specifications and have been handled in accordance with XXXXX's quality control procedures, and the requirements of EVJIG 1530

Date: _____ Name: _____
Signature: _____

One (1) copy to be kept on file at the supplying installation.

One (1) copy to be provided to the receiving installation.

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