

4A. Application for recognition

(1) An application for recognition as Competent Authority, Inspecting Authority, Well-known Material Testing Laboratory, Well-known Steel Maker, Well-known Foundry/Forge, Well-known Tube/Pipe Maker and Well-known Remnant Life Assessment Organisation shall be made by a firm to the Secretary, Central Boilers Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), New Delhi, for recognition in one of the aforementioned areas of activity in which that firm is engaged.

(2) Application under sub-regulation (1) shall be made in duly filled in Questionnaire Form (Forms XV-A to XV-G) applicable to the area of activity or may also be submitted on-line.

(3) Any firm applying for recognition as Competent Authority and Inspecting Authority under sub-regulation (1) shall have a minimum experience of two years in the area of activity for which recognition is applied for. For recognition as Well-known Material Testing Laboratory, Well-known Steel Maker, Well-known Foundry/Forge, Well-known Tube/Pipe Maker and Well-known Remnant Life Assessment Organisation, experience of two years' shall be as per the provisions of these regulations.

(4) In case of firms in foreign countries seeking recognition as Well-known Steel Maker, Well-known Pipe/Tube Maker, Well-known Foundry or Well-known Forge, a fee of US \$ 10,000 (US Dollars Ten thousand only) shall be deposited alongwith the completed Questionnaire form to meet the expenses of the visit of the Evaluation Committee.

Provided that where the firm has more than one manufacturing unit in the same country, an additional fee at the rate of US \$ 2000/- (US Dollars Two thousand only) per additional unit shall be deposited.

(5) In case of firms in foreign countries seeking recognition as Competent Authority and Inspecting Authority, a fee of US \$ 1,000 (US Dollars One thousand only) shall be deposited alongwith the completed Questionnaire forms.

(6) In case of firms in India seeking recognition under sub-regulation (1), a fee of Rupees 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) shall be deposited alongwith the completed Questionnaire Form and for renewal of recognition, a fee of rupees 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) shall be deposited alongwith the completed Questionnaire Form.

(7) The Evaluation Committee shall carry out the evaluation of the manufacturing works of the firms within ninety days of receipt of the fees in case of manufacturing works in foreign countries and within sixty days in case of manufacturing works within the country.

Appraisal Committee or Evaluation Committee as the case may be, shall also evaluate the performance of firm's applying for recognition as Competent Authority or Inspecting authority within sixty days of receipt of fee.

The certificate of recognition shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of the visit of the plant by the Evaluation Committee or meeting of Appraisal Committee, as the case may be. In the case of renewal of the recognition, if an application is received for renewal alongwith the required fee as per this regulation, the firm may be recognised after following the procedure laid down in these regulations and the certificate shall be issued for a further period of five years."