

# **Home Office Type Approval Process**

Annex 3

## **For the Provision of Mobile Preliminary Roads Drugs Testing Devices (MPRDTD)**

## **Preliminary Drug Testing Devices Home Office Type Approval Process**

### **Type Approval Process**

1 If a manufacturer has a suitable product they can request the Home Office consider it for Type Approval, including testing and assessment against the Guide at Dstl. This is applicable for both new devices and modification to type approved devices.

2 When a new device is considered for submission to the Home Office it will undergo a Police user trial, managed by The National Roads Policing Support Team and at the manufacturer/suppliers own expense. The manufacturer/supplier then has an opportunity to modify the screener/device based upon user feedback before continuing the process. The screener/device may also be withdrawn at this point.

3 Manufacturers/suppliers are responsible for arranging Annex B testing (Response to Physical Interference) at a suitably accredited external test house, at their own expense. These tests are a pre-requisite for type approval testing at Dstl and evidence of its satisfactory completion must be authorised by Dstl before submission.

4 If a device meets the pre-requisite testing requirements it may be submitted to Dstl for type approval evaluation, subject to authorisation and prioritisation by Home Office Police Powers Unit (HO PPU). For the laboratory testing, manufacturers must provide Dstl with a sufficient number of devices for type approval testing, which can involve 540-640 individual tests for a new device, this may increase if repeat testing is required. Testing at Dstl takes approximately 7 months, though this could differ if repeat testing is required

### **Device Modification**

5 Manufacturers may be able to modify currently approved devices to include additional drugs. Such devices may undergo a reduced set of testing, as permitted by the Guide, with agreement from Dstl and HO PPU.

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