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Subject: Termination of Testing or Redefining the Size Boundary During the Type Testing Campaign

This clarification supersedes CTP 2009:02.

The term “stop point” is no longer being used by the Compliance Testing Program (CTP).

Termination of Testing:

The applicant may direct the testing lab to terminate a test at any point during the compliance test campaign. If testing is terminated and there are failures during that test, the incomplete Compliance Test Report (CTR) shall be submitted to the CTP along with an explanation. If testing is terminated and there are no failures during that test, the incomplete CTR shall not be submitted to the CTP. Anytime a compliance test is terminated, the laboratory shall provide written notification to the CTP.

Redefining the NIJ-C-1 Size Boundary During the Compliance Test Campaign:

If the NIJ-C-1 size experiences a failure during the Perforation-Backface Signature Testing (P-BFS), the applicant may redefine the NIJ-C-1 size boundary one time during the testing of new armor. The size boundary may only be redefined to be the NIJ-C-2 size.

In the event that the applicant chooses to redefine the size boundary, testing of the NIJ-C-1 size may be stopped immediately, and the results shall be recorded on an incomplete CTR. A sample of the failed armor shall be sent to the CTP along with the incomplete CTR.

The applicant may submit the same construction for a new compliance test with the NIJ-C-2 size boundary replacing the one that experienced the failure. The applicant shall submit a new armor application.

The CTP will then issue a new Test ID number along with authorization to begin testing on the new size test samples.

The test laboratory shall record the test results for the larger size that originally met the requirements and the newly submitted armor on the same CTR with the new Test ID.

Any additional non compliant test result will be recorded as a failure. The armor construction is not eligible for CTP listing and can not be resubmitted for NIJ compliance testing.

Note: The size boundaries shall be the same for new and conditioned armor. Conditioning of armor shall be as specified in the standard.
