



Home Office

Home Office Body Armour Standard 2017 - INITIAL Certification: Manufacturer SOP Guidance

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Introduction

This document is to act as a guidance in the Body Armour testing process to the Home Office Body Armour Standard 2017 (Pub. 012/17) for body armour manufacturers. It is to be used in conjunction with that Standard and covers the processes outside of those listed in that document.

Process maps for the below are located in the Annex to this SOP.

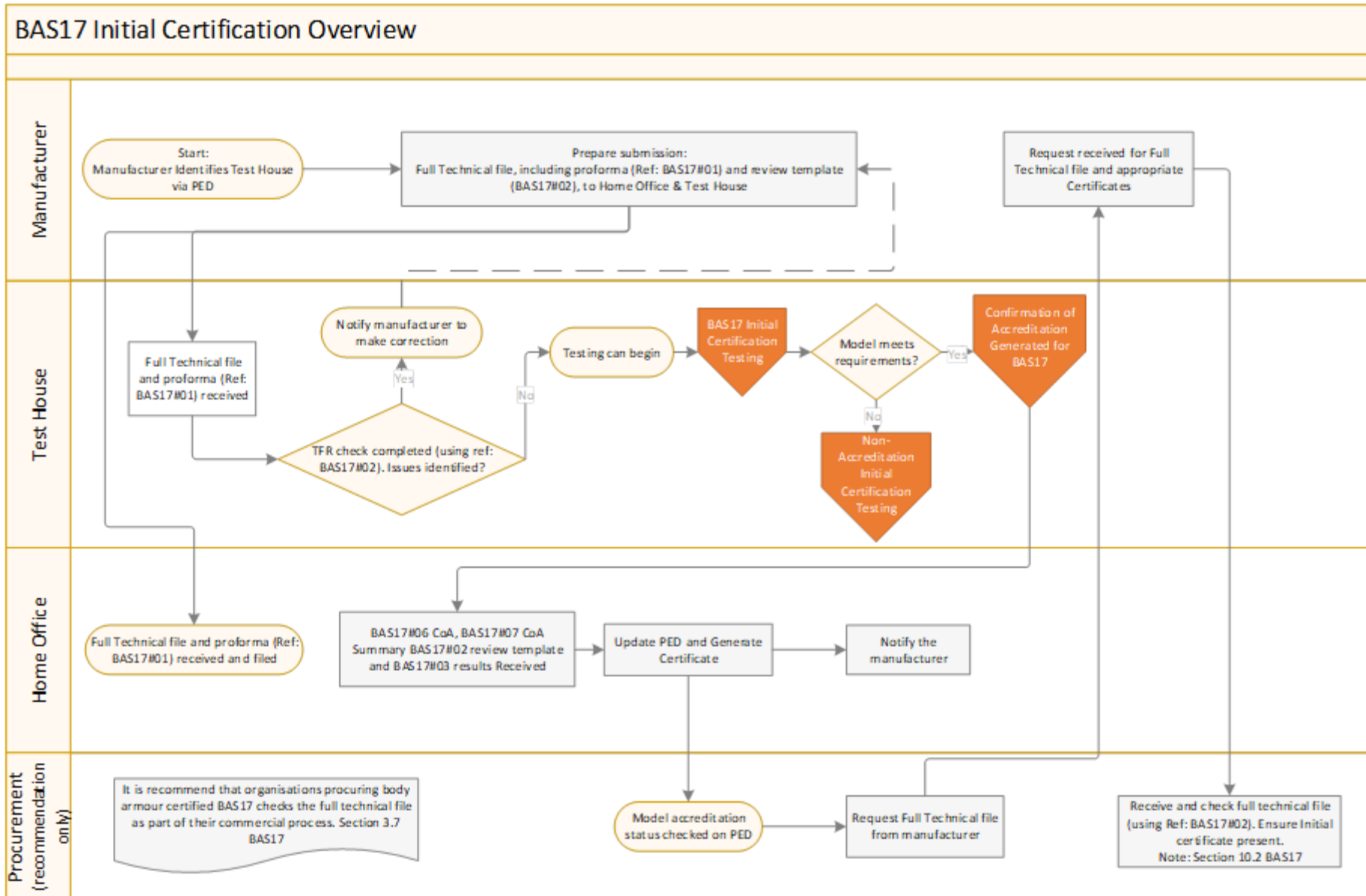
Manufacturer

1. Ensure technical file and proforma (Ref: BAS17#01) is completed with all necessary details using technical file review document (Ref: BAS17#02).
 - a. Technical file will include photographs of armour construction and stitching to aid in test house construction checks.
2. Identify a test house from the details listed on the PED.
3. Agree and confirm test date with test house.
4. Send technical file, proforma and technical file review document to chosen test house and the Home Office at PEDwebsite@homeoffice.gov.uk
5. If issues found, test house will contact you with details of the issue and any required information.
6. If no issues are found, test house will inform you that they intend to test on the date agreed.
 - a. At this point armour should be sent to the Test House for assessment.
7. If armour fails to meet requirements of Standard, test house will inform Home Office and manufacturer, sharing results of failure. If an armour fails initial certification test:
 - a. The model number cannot be used again for any new armours.
 - b. The construction must be altered prior to resubmission.
 - c. Test House will send non-conformance form (BAS17#08) to manufacturer and Home Office.
8. If armour meets the requirements of the Standard, test house will send confirmation of accreditation (BAS17#06), CoA summary (BAS17#07), technical file review document (BAS17#02) and Initial results sheet (BAS17#03) to Home Office.
9. Home Office will:
 - a. Update PED with certified armour details.
 - b. Send certificate to Manufacturer.
10. A copy of the certificate must be added to the technical file by the manufacturer ready for use when requesting PQT test.

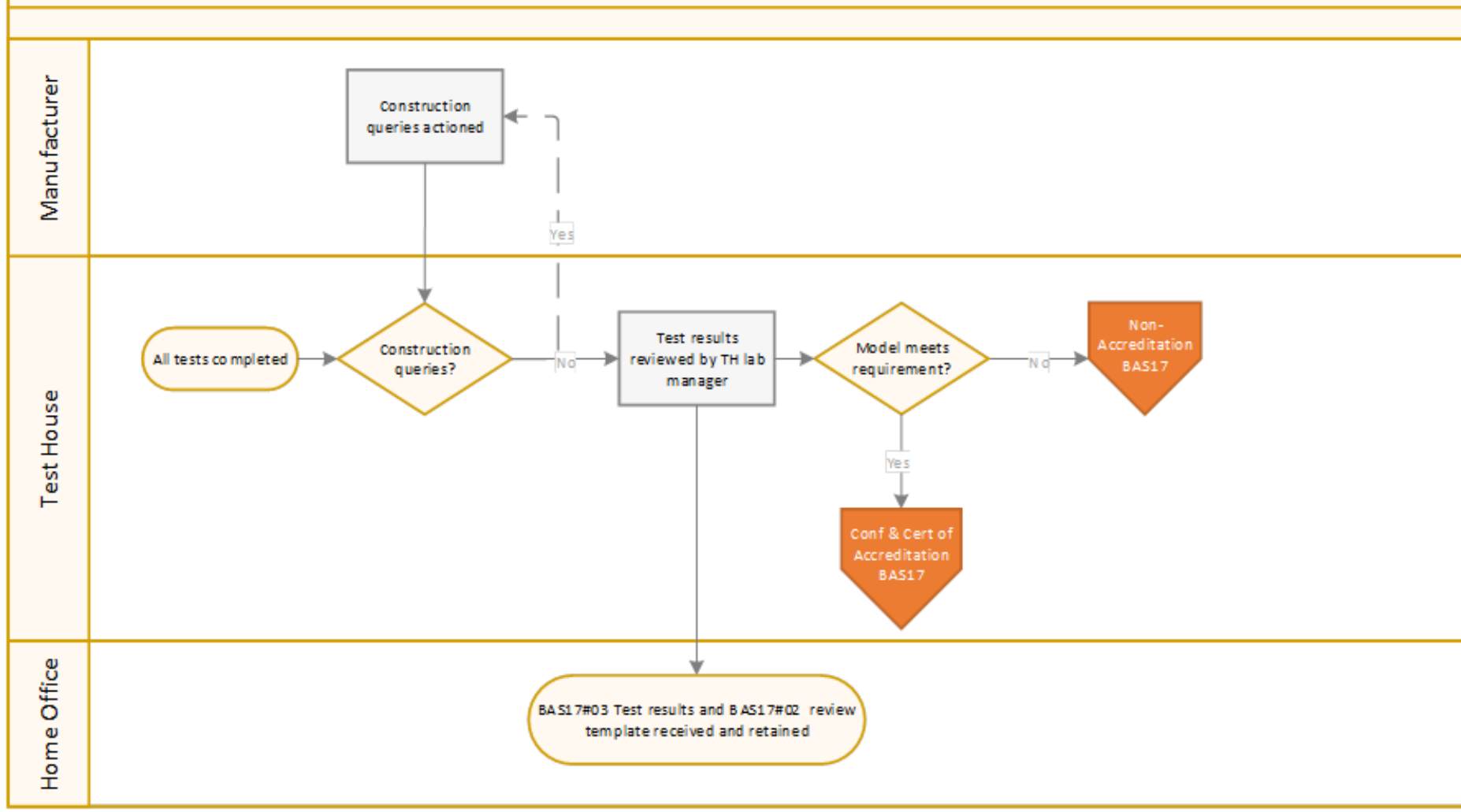
Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Version
BAS17	Body Armour Standard 2017
CoA	Confirmation Of Accreditation
HO	Home Office
PED	Police Equipment Database
PQT	Production Quality Test
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure

Annex 1 - BAS17 Initial Process maps



BAS17 Initial Testing



BAS17 Confirmation of Accreditation and Certification – Initial

