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To whom it may concern

The European Underwater Federation (www.EUF.eu), the association of non-profit distributing and profit-distributing diving organisations in Europe, has partnered with the Austrian Standards and Certification body (AS+C) and contracted AS+C to administer EUF Certification International. EUF Certification International conducts audits using AS+C expert inspectors to validate training organisations and dive service providers against relevant ISO standards. Many training organisations aspire to conduct their courses in line with these standards but only some have been validated by a rigorous audit programme conducted by EUF Certification International.

It is definitely a good idea to follow or exceed ISO Standards for those areas of training where ISO minimum training standards exist but there are areas where there are no relevant ISO Standards, for the simple reason that ISO cannot define a standard for every imaginable course. For example, there are no ISO Standard for rescue courses, wreck diving courses or deep diving courses. The aim of the ISO Standards was to improve safety in the many core areas of recreational diving - but certainly not to make perfectly good outlying courses illegal.

In this context we confirm that there is NO existing ISO standard for Open Circuit technical diving and in no way does this imply that O.C. technical diving courses are unsafe.

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