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Quality Alert

Hexavalent Coating

Current Condition

Description or Photo:

BAE Systems identified a quantity of Line Replaceable Units (LRU) that were delivered with nonconforming coatings. The contract identified the applicable Drawing, Performance Specifications, Terms and conditions and Supplier Quality Requirements. The contract did not receive an adequate review of all documents, requirements and test/performance results and subsequently nonconforming product was manufactured and delivered. The specific nonconformance was the use of Hexavalent Chrome in the finishing of components when a specific prohibition of that material was required by the contract. This prohibition was not identified at any point in the supplier's process (contract review, performance test results, first article inspection, receiving inspection) and subsequently BAE Systems received nonconforming product.

Desired Condition

Description or Photo:

Suppliers are required to read, understand, comply with and when applicable communicate to their sub-tier suppliers all requirements of the BAE Systems contract. Please assure that all purchase orders, SOW, performance specifications, CDR requirements, T&C's, etc., have been complied with reviewed/flowed to any sub-tier suppliers. Where issues are identified, you must immediately contact your authorized Supply Chain Representative using the Vendor Information Request (VIR) form found on the BAE Systems Purchasing website identified on your order. These requirements apply regardless of the design authority or the manufacturer/country of origin of the product.

Please review your contract (s) and verify that your product is compliant to all contract requirements and submit a VIR for any issues identified.