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Supplier Quality Notification

First Piece Inspection and Documentation Submittal Requirements

To our Valued Suppliers:

BAE Systems' Combat Mission Systems is sending this notification as a reminder to our supply base of our contract requirements.

For the First Piece Inspection requirements, please review the Supplier Quality Assurance Manual (SQAM) and Contracts Deliverable Requirements (CDR) manual, completely, for the full requirements:

8.3 Inspection

The Supplier will inspect the first piece manufactured for the Purchasing Agreement to all drawing characteristics, drawing notes and Purchasing Agreement requirements and will maintain, on file, a report which includes the following elements:

- Supplier's name and the manufacturing address
- Purchasing agreement number and line number
- Item number, description, and revision as they appear on the purchasing agreement
- Lot quantity
- Certificate of compliance for the delivered item (as defined by paragraph 8.5)
- Material certificates/ballistic firing records (where applicable)
- Special process certifications (where applicable)
- Inspection Report
- Balloon Drawing

➤ Review Section 8.3 of the SQAM for the full requirements

What does first piece inspection mean to the supplier?

Any product a Supplier produces for BAE Systems must have a first piece inspection report that complies with all contract requirements. The first piece inspection report must be completed on the very first part that is produced. In the event you change your process, manufacturing location, or have a lapse in production for 24 months or more, you must conduct a new first piece inspection. The inspection must verify compliance to all print dimensions, notes, and test requirements on the top and lower level prints along with all Contract Quality Requirements (CQR) or Purchase Order (PO) notes, as required. The first piece inspection report is to be maintained on file for at least 7 years. If CDR 003 is assigned on your PO, you must follow the data submission instructions per Section 8.12 of the SQAM.

For further clarification please reach out to your Purchasing Representative or SQA representative.

Thank You