

Notice to Suppliers



Update on Aerospace Procurement Policy – Process Standardisation

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For the attention of all suppliers

Scope/Applicability:

Civil Aerospace part 21G (Production) suppliers and Defence Aerospace (Production) suppliers.

Dear Supply Partner,

We are writing to notify you of an important update regarding the Aerospace Procurement Policy on Process Standardisation.

Following the successful attainment of Process Minimum Standards across multiple Civil Aerospace suppliers and processes (NTS 564), we have identified the need to expand the scope of Process Standardisation. This expansion will now include all Defence Aerospace products and suppliers.

Additionally, by analysing and understanding the causes of quality escapes, we recognise that certain processes require increased attention to support our drive to Zero Defects. We believe this would be beneficial to both supplier organisations and Rolls-Royce by preventing many common escapes. To address this, we are seeking your collaboration on accelerated implementation of Process Minimum Standards for the following critical process areas.

We request that 1st tier suppliers cascade this accelerated implementation to their sub-tiers.

- Part marking,
- Damage prevention and detection,
- Packaging and handling,

Process Minimum Standards define 'level 3' as the minimum acceptable standard but it is evident that achievement of levels 4 and 5 delivers significant quality benefits while reducing the risk of non-conformance. Therefore, we encourage all suppliers to achieve at least 'level 4' for the above processes.

Action Required:

1. For Defence Aerospace suppliers, Process Minimum Standard Assessments for all applicable processes shall be completed and achieved by the date agreed with the relevant RR business.
2. For Civil Aerospace & Defence suppliers, any suppliers not already at minimum standard for the processes listed above are expected to achieve it by 31st Dec 2026, with gap-closure plans in place and agreed with your technical interface no later than 30th Sep 2026. Completed assessment templates should be reviewed with your Rolls-Royce technical interface.

In addition to the accelerated implementation described above, we ask you to maintain focus on achieving all relevant Process Minimum Standards as they are a key tool in the drive to zero defects.

Access to the relevant standards can be accessed here: [Process Standardisation](#) or through your technical interface. Please note that the Damage Prevention and Packaging & Handling templates can be found in the Tools, miscellaneous section.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to excellence.

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