

Adoption of aerospace supplier quality common training for self-release delegates

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope/Applicability:

This is an update to NTS308 (published in January 2011) and clarifies the applicability of the SABRe Supplier Release Process. It also includes the new common training requirement for self-release delegates. The Supplier Release Process was first introduced in October 2009 within SABRe and combines the Certified Release Inspector (CRI) and Designated Quality Representative (DQR) processes.

This NTS applies to all first-tier suppliers to the Rolls-Royce Gas Turbine Supply Chain. This includes suppliers that hold Rolls-Royce Corporation 'Certified Supplier' status. 'Certified Suppliers' are required to be trained and re-certified to the new process.

Introduction:

For several years we have operated a process of certifying suppliers to release product without the need for additional oversight, either through source inspection (Rolls-Royce Corporation) or increased levels of receipt inspection. The previous external training requirements were purely related to SABRe.

This notice states the additional need for Release Agents to complete training to the new AS13001 standard. This common standard was developed and published by the Aero Engine Supplier Quality (AESQ) G-22 Committee.

Action Required:

Granting of Supplier Release status is based on the supplier having a suitable quality management system and process to control the release of products. To adequately demonstrate this, the following criteria must be met:

- As a minimum, the supplier's Quality Representative shall have undertaken the SABRe 'Essentials' training course provided by Smallpeice Enterprises.
- The Supplier Release Process requirements shall be incorporated into the supplier's Quality Management System.
- Nominated Supplier Release personnel shall undertake appropriate training related to the requirements as defined within the supplier's Quality Management System.
- The nominated Supplier Release personnel shall undertake the SAE AS13001 'Common Training for Self-Release Delegates' course and be able to show a certificate for successful completion. A schedule of planned courses and locations can be found at <http://training.sae.org/seminars/c1501/>
- Completion and approval of the Supplier Release Implementation workbook.
- The supplier must maintain a Disruption Index (DI) value at or below the goal published on their individual scorecard.
- No Rolls-Royce Problem Improvement Requests (PIRs) open for longer than 30 days.
- No open findings as a result of source or receipt inspection.

Suppliers are expected to complete the required training and obtain approval for the Supplier Release Process when any of the following criteria are applicable:

- New first -tier supplier to Rolls-Royce.
- Supplier has been entered into the Red Flag process.
- Major finding raised in most recent SABRe Compliance Assessment (SCA).
- All current Rolls-Royce Corporation 'Certified' suppliers.

All other suppliers will be transferred to the Supplier Release Process on an as-needed basis.

Suppliers with Rolls-Royce Corporation Certified Supplier status (Designated Quality Representatives or Certified Release Inspector processes implemented) are to continue releasing product using the current procedure. The procedure will only change once you have completed the new AS13001 system training. Suppliers are required to submit evidence that individuals in their organisation have been trained to the new AS13001 standard. This requirement shall be met no later than 1st January, 2017.

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