

Notice to Suppliers



Supplier Maturity Assessment

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager / Director

Scope/Applicability:

Rolls-Royce Civil Aerospace Suppliers

Introduction:

Rolls-Royce continues to review the content of the Supplier Maturity Assessment (SMA) to ensure that the questions therein are targeted to assess the maturity of our supply chain and support the Zero Defect goal. Following input from a survey carried out both within Rolls-Royce and with suppliers, a review of the SMA against SABRe 4 and AS13100, and a review of the question set against the top pareto reasons for customer escapes, Rolls-Royce have up issued the SMA from revision 8 to revision 9.

Description:

SMA revision 9 retains the same number (35) of question as revision 8 but sees an amalgamation of questions and the removal of duplicate topics which are now covered in the separate APQP and PPAP Maturity Assessment. Additional questions are now added to cover the following topics;

Human Factors, Damage Prevention, Paperwork and Part Marking control, ZD plan governance, APQP, Process Minimum Standards.

SMA assessments carried out in 2022 will be done against revision 9 and will be administered through Ivalua (Rolls-Royce' new Supplier digital interface) however an advanced copy of the SMA revision 9 questions is available on the supplier portal under 'Supplier Documents' > 'Drive to Zero Defects'.

Action Required:

Suppliers are to download the SMA revision 9 question set, carry out a self-assessment particularly against the new questions and incorporate any gaps into their Zero Defects improvement plans.

Rolls-Royce will use version 9 of the SMA at the next scheduled assessment throughout 2022.

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