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General Supplier Quality Clauses

Applicable to All CoExcel Solutions Requests for Quotation and Purchase Orders

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This document establishes the standard Supplier Quality Clauses ("SQ Clauses") that CoExcel Solutions, LLC ("CoExcel") flows down to suppliers with every Request for Quotation (RFQ) and Purchase Order (PO), regardless of commodity. Applicable SQ clause codes are cited on the face of the RFQ/PO or in an attached quality requirements schedule. Where a PO involves printed circuit board assemblies or related electronic assemblies, the additional clauses in CX-SQ-200 also apply. Supplier is responsible for flowing down all applicable clauses to its sub-tier suppliers and distributors.

SQ01 Quality Management System

Supplier shall maintain a quality management system appropriate to the Product supplied. Unless otherwise stated on the PO, Supplier's QMS shall be certified to AS9100 (Aerospace/Defense); ISO 9001 certification may be accepted for select non-flight-critical commodities with Buyer's prior written approval. Supplier shall provide a current copy of its certificate upon request.

SQ02 Right of Access

CoExcel, the applicable Customer, and U.S. Government representatives shall have the right of reasonable access to Supplier's facilities and applicable objective quality evidence, at any level of the supply chain, for purposes of inspection, investigation, and surveillance of Product and processes covered by the PO.

SQ03 Certificate of Conformance

Unless waived in writing, Supplier shall furnish a Certificate of Conformance (C of C) with each shipment identifying the PO number, part number/revision, quantity, and lot/date-code or serial traceability, certifying that Product conforms to all applicable drawing, specification, and PO requirements.

SQ04 Government Source Inspection

Where invoked on the PO (e.g., via DD Form 1155 or equivalent), Supplier shall provide timely advance notice to allow Government or Customer source inspection prior to shipment, and shall not ship Product subject to this requirement without evidence of completed source inspection.

SQ05 Record Retention

Supplier shall retain all quality records, inspection data, test reports, and certifications for a minimum of ten (10) years from delivery, or longer if required by the applicable Customer contract, and shall make such records available to CoExcel, Customer, and applicable regulatory authorities upon request.

SQ06 Counterfeit Parts Prevention

Supplier shall maintain a counterfeit parts prevention and detection program consistent with SAE AS5553 (and AS6081 for distributors), procuring parts from OCMs, OCM-authorized sources, or franchised distribution with full traceability, and shall immediately notify CoExcel of any suspect or confirmed counterfeit item.

SQ07 Foreign Object Debris/Damage (FOD) Prevention

Where applicable to the commodity or process, Supplier shall maintain a documented FOD prevention program covering work areas, tool control, and cleanliness verification prior to closure or shipment of assemblies.

SQ08 Calibration System

Supplier shall maintain a calibration system for all inspection, measuring, and test equipment used to accept Product, consistent with ANSI/NCSL Z540.1 or ISO/IEC 17025, with calibration traceable to national or international standards.

SQ09 Nonconforming Material Control & Corrective Action

Supplier shall maintain a documented process for identification, segregation, and disposition of nonconforming material, and shall not use, rework, or ship nonconforming Product without CoExcel's prior written authorization. Upon request, Supplier shall complete a Supplier Corrective Action Request (SCAR) using root-cause/corrective-action methodology (e.g., 8D) within the timeframe specified by CoExcel.

SQ10 Change Notification

Supplier shall obtain CoExcel's prior written approval before implementing any change in design, material, manufacturing process, process location, or sub-tier source of supply affecting Product delivered under the PO.

SQ11 Sub-Tier Flow-Down

Supplier shall flow down all applicable quality, Government, and export-control clauses to its sub-tier suppliers and distributors, and remains fully responsible for their compliance and performance.

SQ12 First Article Inspection

Where required by the PO, Supplier shall perform and submit a First Article Inspection (FAI) report compliant with AS9102 prior to or with the first production shipment, and upon subsequent triggering events (design change, process/location change, break in production, or raw material source change).

SQ13 Special Process Approval

Special processes (e.g., heat treat, plating, welding, non-destructive testing, coating) shall be performed only by sources holding applicable NADCAP accreditation or Customer-approved special process source approval, as identified on the drawing/specification or PO.

SQ14 Shelf Life / Age Control

For age- or shelf-life-sensitive materials (e.g., adhesives, sealants, elastomeric components), Supplier shall provide manufacture date, cure date, and expiration date, and shall ship material with sufficient remaining shelf life to support Customer use, as specified on the PO.

SQ15 Packaging, Handling, Storage, and Preservation

Supplier shall package, handle, and preserve Product to prevent damage, contamination, or degradation during shipment and storage, in accordance with the PO, applicable specification, and, where applicable, ESD-control and moisture-sensitive-device handling requirements.

SQ16 Export Control Compliance

Supplier shall comply with applicable ITAR and EAR requirements, including proper marking, handling, and control of export-controlled technical data and hardware furnished or generated under the PO.

SQ17 DPAS Priority Rating Compliance

Where a PO bears a DPAS priority rating, Supplier shall treat the order in accordance with the Defense Priorities and Allocations System requirements and extend the applicable rating to its sub-tier suppliers as required.

SQ18 Objective Quality Evidence Retention

Supplier shall retain test reports, inspection records, and other objective quality evidence supporting each shipment's Certificate of Conformance, and shall furnish such evidence to CoExcel upon request.

SQ19 Notification of Delivery of Nonconforming Product (Escape Notification)

Supplier shall notify CoExcel in writing within two (2) business days of discovering that nonconforming Product may have been shipped, including affected part numbers, lot/serial numbers, quantities, and proposed containment actions.

SQ20 Prohibition on Unauthorized Material Substitution

Supplier shall not substitute materials, components, or processes from those specified on the drawing, specification, or PO without CoExcel's prior written authorization.

Clause Invocation Summary

The following table summarizes all General Supplier Quality Clauses for quick reference. Applicable clause codes will be cited on the RFQ or PO face; where no specific citation is given, SQ01 through SQ20 apply in full to all RFQs and POs by default.

Code	Title
SQ01	Quality Management System
SQ02	Right of Access
SQ03	Certificate of Conformance
SQ04	Government Source Inspection
SQ05	Record Retention
SQ06	Counterfeit Parts Prevention
SQ07	Foreign Object Debris/Damage (FOD) Prevention
SQ08	Calibration System
SQ09	Nonconforming Material Control & Corrective Action
SQ10	Change Notification
SQ11	Sub-Tier Flow-Down
SQ12	First Article Inspection
SQ13	Special Process Approval
SQ14	Shelf Life / Age Control
SQ15	Packaging, Handling, Storage, and Preservation
SQ16	Export Control Compliance
SQ17	DPAS Priority Rating Compliance
SQ18	Objective Quality Evidence Retention
SQ19	Notification of Delivery of Nonconforming Product (Escape Notification)
SQ20	Prohibition on Unauthorized Material Substitution