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European foreword

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EN 9131:2020 (E)**Rationale**

This standard was created to provide for the uniform submittal of nonconformity information for notification and/or approval when contractually invoked at any level or as guidance within the aviation, space, and defense industry. This standard can be invoked as a stand-alone requirement or used in conjunction with 9100-series standards (i.e., EN 9100, EN 9110, EN 9120).

Foreword

To assure customer satisfaction, aviation, space, and defense organizations must provide, and continually improve, safe, reliable products and services that meet or exceed customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. The globalization of the industry, and the resulting diversity of regional and national requirements and expectations, have complicated this objective. Organizations have the challenge of purchasing products and services from external providers throughout the world and at all levels of the supply chain. External providers have the challenge of delivering products and services to multiple customers having varying quality requirements and expectations.

The aviation, space, and defense industry established the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) for the purpose of achieving significant improvements in quality and safety, and reductions in cost, throughout the value stream. This organization includes representation from companies in the Americas, Asia/Pacific, and Europe.

This document standardizes requirements for nonconformity data definition and documentation for the industry. The establishment of common requirements, for use at all levels of the supply-chain by organizations, should result in improved quality and safety, and decreased costs, due to the elimination or reduction of organization-unique requirements and the resultant variation inherent in these multiple expectations.

1 Scope

1.1 Application

This document defines the common nonconformity data definition and documentation that shall be exchanged between an internal/external supplier or sub-tier supplier, and the customer when informing about a nonconformity requiring formal decision. The requirements are applicable, partly or totally, when reporting a product nonconformity to the owner or operator, as user of the end item (e.g., engine, aircraft, spacecraft, helicopter), if specified by contract.

Reporting of nonconformity data, either electronically or conventionally on paper, is subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. This also includes, where applicable, data access under export control regulations.

1.2 Purpose

The process of exchanging, coordinating, and approving nonconformity data via concession or product quality escape varies with the multiple relationships and agreements among all parties concerned. The information provided by this document forms architecture for submitting and managing data that allows for concise and accurate communication using various documented methods. The main objective of this document is to provide the definition of a data set that can be integrated into any form of communication (e.g., electronic data interchange, submission of conventional paper forms).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 9000:2015, *Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

EN 9100, *Quality Management Systems — Requirements for Aviation, Space and Defence Organizations*¹

EN 9110, *Quality Management Systems — Requirements for Aviation Maintenance Organizations*¹

EN 9120, *Quality Management Systems — Requirements for Aviation, Space and Defence Distributors*¹

IAQG Supply Chain Management Handbook (SCMH) — <http://www.sae.org/iaqg/>

¹ As developed under the auspice of the IAQG and published by various standards bodies [e.g., AeroSpace and Defense Industries Association – Standardization (ASD-STAN), SAE International, European Committee for Standardization (CEN), Japanese Standards Association (JSA)/Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies (SJAC), Brazilian Association for Technical Norms (ABNT)].

EN 9131:2020 (E)**3 Terms and definitions**

Definitions for general terms can be found in EN ISO 9000 and the IAQG International Dictionary (located on the IAQG website).

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1**customer**

recipient of a product provided by an internal/external supplier or sub-tier supplier

3.2**mandatory data**

common and transferable data systematically filled in and provided; if printed, this field shall be included on the printed form

3.3**optional data**

all data fields that are not defined as mandatory by this standard; these fields may be requested by a customer or needed by the originator for their own purposes

3.4**product**

output of an organization that can be produced without any transaction taking place between the organization and the customer

Note 1 to entry: Production of a product is achieved without any transaction necessarily taking place between provider and customer, but can often involve this service element upon its delivery to the customer.

Note 2 to entry: The dominant element of a product is that it is generally tangible.

Note 3 to entry: Hardware is tangible and its amount is a countable characteristic (e.g. tyres). Processed materials are tangible and their amount is a continuous characteristic (e.g. fuel and soft drinks). Hardware and processed materials are often referred to as goods. Software consists of information regardless of delivery medium (e.g. computer programme, mobile phone app, instruction manual, dictionary content, musical composition copyright, driver's license).

EXAMPLE vehicle, engine, equipment, component, deliverable software, or parts and materials thereof

[SOURCE: EN ISO 9000:2015, 3.7.6 – modified: numbering in brackets removed, example added]

3.5**product quality escape**

any product released by an internal/external supplier or sub-tier supplier, that is subsequently determined to have one or more nonconformities to contract and/or product specification requirements, that have not been positively dispositioned prior to delivery

3.6

concession

documented authorization from the customer to the internal/external supplier to use or release a product which does not conform to the specified requirements

Note 1 to entry: Concession and product quality escape differ with respect to the point in time when a nonconformity is detected during the product life cycle. Concession is evident before delivery to the customer, while a product quality escape is identified after delivery to the customer.

4 Requirements

4.1 Data related to the description of a nonconformity (i.e., content, format, size) shall be in accordance with the complete set defined in Annex A and the contractual requirements.

- a) Mandatory data fields, identified in bold text and marked with an asterisk (*) shall be systematically recorded and reported to the customer.
- b) Optional data fields shall be recorded, when required, provided that it is not in contradiction with contractual requirements.

NOTE 1 Any data field, whether mandatory or optional data, recorded and reported to the customer that is not applicable shall have N/A entered in the field, prior to final approval/signature.

NOTE 2 Customers may require different optional data fields to be recorded and reported. It is therefore recommended that the Information Technology System be capable of defining optional data fields and/or inactivating data fields based on each customer's recording/reporting requirements. This includes the capability of the Information Technology System to process with data types and data sizes specified in this standard.

NOTE 3 While this standard provides requirements that cover the development of forms or electronic systems, exceptions for use of the form or system are allowed as permitted by the customer. For example, where a process batch containing multiple part numbers is to be dispositioned together, the first part number and associated fields would be on the form and additional part numbers and those fields could be on an attachment (see 4.3).

4.2 The entities responsible for entering and approving/acknowledging nonconformity data (in particular disposition, category/classification of the nonconformity, and associated limitations) shall respond in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contractual or regulatory requirements.

4.3 Attached files should be in a protected format (e.g., pdf, tif, jpg), whenever possible. Where this is not practical, appropriate precautions shall be taken to prevent inadvertent changes to the attachments.

4.4 Where file sizes are constrained, a file size optimization tool should be used. If file compression is not capable of meeting file size constraints, the data exchange shall be agreed upon between both parties (e.g., via compact disk, USB flash drive, e-mail correspondence, direct access to data system).

4.5 When the description of a nonconformity is not required in an electronic format and/or is required as a printout, it shall be in a format similar to the example depicted in Annex B; however, the size and order of the fields may be changed to suit the individual application provided that

- a) the contents of the boxes specified in this standard are maintained; alternatively a cross reference can be used,
- b) the form is identified as a nonconformity record and
- c) it complies with contractual/regulatory requirements.

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4.6 When required, continuation/additional sheets and attachments shall include the same reference number as the original document.

NOTE Reference Annex A, the data fields 'Nonconformity Description' (see No. 19) and 'Disposition' (see No. 25) may be presented either as a summary or in a clearly defined sub-structure (see No. 19 a-i and No. 25 a-e).

4.7 The forms may be pre-printed, computer generated, or accessed via a net-based system (intranet/internet), but in all cases, the printing of lines and characters shall be clear and legible. The details entered on the forms shall preferably be machine/computer printed, but may be handwritten as long as upper case letters are used and the document remains legible.

NOTE The use of abbreviations should be kept at a minimum.

4.8 The information shall be in English, but other languages may be acceptable (e.g., bilingual: English and native) when specified in the contract.

NOTE The use of abbreviations should be kept to a minimum.

5 Code catalog

The following codes are recommended for codifying affected processes, causes of process deviations, and corrections made to remedy the nonconformity. If codes are defined by a contract and/or the originators already have codes defined that satisfy their needs, these codes shall take precedence over those proposed in the following sections.

NOTE The following codes represent a minimum selection of possible variances. In case of needing additional code definitions (e.g., software, electronic, composites, structures), the tables can be enhanced by using the existing structure.

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5.1 Nonconformity process codes

A product nonconformity is typically associated with a process deviation. See Table 1 for a list of codes.

5.2 Nonconformity cause codes

The causes of process deviations are defined in Table 2. The categorization of the list is set up to facilitate the use of process improvement tools (e.g., cause and effect diagram). The 'Main Term' code can be used as the cause code, if appropriate, or further definition may be provided.

NOTE 1 One or more cause codes may be used to define the cause(s) for a product nonconformity.

NOTE 2 The allocation of a cause code could be either apparent (preliminary/initial) or final, depending on the status of root cause analysis. For further support, see EN 9136 and the SCMh ("Root Cause Analysis and Problem Solving" chapter).

5.3 Nonconformity Corrective Action Codes

Common corrective action codes are defined in Table 3; intended to correspond directly to the cause codes identified in Table 2, as appropriate.

NOTE One or more corrective action codes may be used to define the corrective action(s) taken for a product nonconformity/cause code.

Table 1 — Nonconformity Process Codes

Main term	Process Code	Definition/description
P1 – Shipping and Transportation	P11	Shipping
	P12	Transportation
	P13	Order Preparation
	P14	Preparation of Packaging
	P15	Packaging
P2 – Manufacturing	P201	Assembly
	P202	Test
	P203	Balancing
	P204	Benching
	P205	Blasting
	P206	Bonding
	P207	Brazing
	P208	Broaching
	P209	Casting
	P210	Cleaning
	P211	Coating
	P212	Composite Manufacturing
	P213	Crimping
	P214	Deburring
	P215	Drilling
	P216	Electrochemical Processing
	P217	Etching
	P218	Forging
	P219	Forming
	P220	Grinding
	P221	Heat Treatment
	P222	Precision Hole Making
P223	Honing and Lapping	
P224	Hot Isostatic Pressing	
P225	Inspection	
P226	Machining	
P227	Marking	