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## Foreword

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- bacterial and fungus growth has been added;
- Hydrogen embrittlement has been added; and
- manned environment has been added.

## **Introduction**

This document is intended for application by the management in space programmes and applications.

The formation of this document takes into account the existing International Standards prepared by ISO/TC 176, notably ISO 9000, ISO 9001 and ISO 9004, and the content of ISO 14300-1 and ISO 14300-2.

This document specifies the requirements and statements applicable to materials, mechanical parts and processes to satisfy the mission performance requirements.

This document also specifies the documentation requirements and the procedures relevant to obtaining approval for the use of materials, mechanical parts and processes in the fabrication of space systems and associated equipment.

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# Space systems — Programme management — Material, mechanical parts and processes

## 1 Scope

This document defines the programme management requirements for material, mechanical parts and processes for projects covering mission definition, design, development, production and operations of space systems, including disposal.

This document covers the following:

- management, including organization, reviews, acceptance status and documentation control;
- selection criteria and rules;
- evaluation, validation and qualification, or verification testing;
- procurement and receiving inspection; and
- utilization criteria and rules.

This document applies to all space deliverable products and all programme phases.

## 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.

ISO 14300-2, *Space systems — Programme management — Part 2: Product assurance*

ISO 27025, *Space systems — Programme management — Quality assurance requirements*

ISO 23461, *Space systems — Programme management — Non-conformance control system*

ISO 9000, *Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9000 and the following apply.

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### critical material

material that is new to an individual company or non-validated for the particular application and environment, or that has caused problems during previous use that remain unresolved

### 3.2

#### **critical mechanical part**

mechanical part that requires specific attention or control due to fracture mechanics aspects and limited-life aspects, or with which the contractor has no previous experience of using the mechanical part in the specific application and environment or are new or non-qualified, or that has caused problems during previous use that remain unsolved

### 3.3

#### **critical process**

process new to an individual company or non-verified for the application in question or has caused problems during previous use that remain unresolved

### 3.4

#### **mechanical part**

piece of hardware that is not electrical, electronic or electromechanical and that performs a simple elementary function or part of a function in such a way that it can be evaluated as a whole against expected requirements of performance and cannot be disassembled without destroying this capability

### 3.5

#### **process**

set of interrelated or interacting activities that transforms inputs into outputs

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 9000.

Note 2 to entry: In this document, “process” means the manufacturing process of product, i.e. set of interrelated resources and activities which transforms a material or semi-finished product into a semi-finished product or final product.

### 3.6

#### **request for approval**

document by which the supplier or user asks the competent body for permission to use a critical material, part or process

### 3.7

#### **special process**

process where quality cannot be completely ensured by inspection of the end article only

## 4 Abbreviated terms

The following abbreviated terms are defined and used within this document.

<b>AA</b>	Aluminium Association
<b>AOCS</b>	attitude and orbit control system
<b>ATOX</b>	atomic oxygen
<b>AISI</b>	American Iron and Steel Institute
<b>CDA</b>	Copper Development Association
<b>CDR</b>	critical design review
<b>CFRP</b>	carbon fibre reinforced polymer
<b>CI</b>	configuration item number (as per project definition)
<b>DML</b>	declared materials list
<b>DMPL</b>	declared mechanical parts list



<b>DPL</b>	declared processes list
<b>DRD</b>	document requirements definition
<b>EEE</b>	electrical, electronic and electromechanical
<b>ESA</b>	European Space Agency
<b>GOX</b>	gaseous oxygen
<b>GSE</b>	ground support equipment
<b>LEO</b>	low earth orbit
<b>LOX</b>	liquid oxygen
<b>MIP</b>	mandatory inspection point
<b>MMPP</b>	materials, mechanical parts and processes
<b>MPCB</b>	Material, Mechanical Parts and Process Control Board
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<b>NCR</b>	non-conformance report
<b>NRB</b>	non-conformance review board
<b>PA</b>	product assurance
<b>PDR</b>	preliminary design review
<b>PID</b>	process identification document
<b>PMP</b>	parts, materials, processes
<b>QR</b>	qualification review
<b>QRR</b>	qualification review report
<b>RFA</b>	request for approval
<b>RFD</b>	request for deviation
<b>SCC</b>	stress corrosion cracking

## 5 General requirements

### 5.1 Materials, Mechanical Parts and Processes Programme (MMPP) management requirement

#### 5.1.1 Overview

The general MMPP activity within the framework of a project is summarized in [Figures 1](#) and [2](#).

#### 5.1.2 MMPP plan

The suppliers shall prepare, maintain and implement a MMPP plan, as part of the overall PA plan in accordance with ISO 14300-2 and this document, or exist as a separate document.

The MMPP plan shall be submitted to the customer for approval.

### 5.1.3 Management

The supplier shall appoint a MMPP manager. The MMPP Manager shall ensure that the Materials, Mechanical Parts and Processes used to manufacture a spacecraft or a launcher satisfy both the ground and flight functional requirements and constraints of the project. To obtain the validation status for materials and qualification status for parts and verification status for processes, the MMPP manager shall present to the customer activities which were performed in conformance with this document together with results obtained.

### 5.1.4 Material, Mechanical Parts, Processes Control Board (MPCB)

The MMPP manager shall organize Material, Mechanical Parts and Processes Control Board (MPCB) with his or her suppliers at all levels, as appropriate. The MPCB activity shall start not later than at PDR. The MMPP Manager shall agree with the customer on the MPCB's activities at PDR. Minimum tasks of the MPCB shall be as follows:

- coordination of the initiation and approval of RFA's in conformance with DRD from the [Annex E](#) by involving the relevant technical discipline;
- review and approval of test programme and related results;
- review of preliminary Declared Materials, Mechanical Parts and Processes Lists and of any available evidence to support the approval, by the PDR;
- review and approval of Declared Materials, Mechanical Parts and Processes Lists and of the evidence for the approval by the CDR; and
- review and approval of any change to the approved Declared Materials, Mechanical Parts and Processes Lists.

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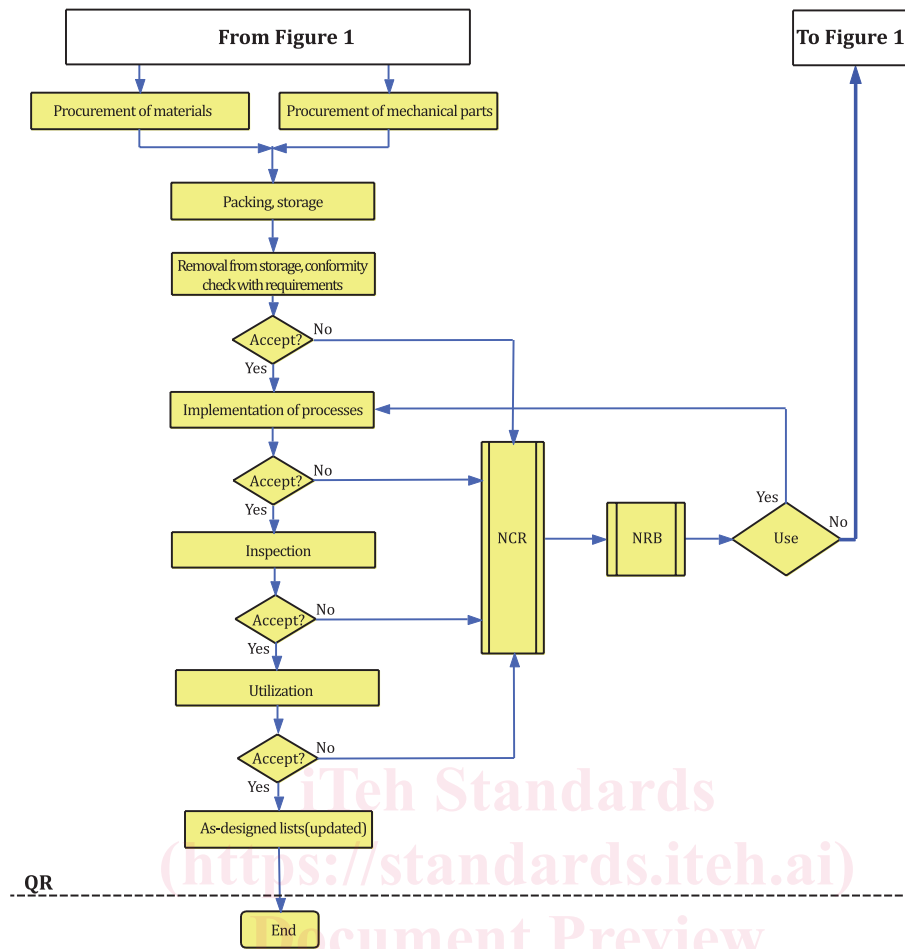


Figure 2 — Materials, mechanical parts and processes flow chart (continued from Figure 1)

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**Table 1 — Steps to be taken to get approval for materials, mechanical parts and processes**

<b>Approval process for materials, mechanical parts and processes (MMPP)</b>						
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Materials</b>		<b>Mechanical parts</b>		<b>Processes</b>	
	<b>Step</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Critical analysis	1	—	1	—	1	—
Evaluation (usually by test methods defined by national agency standards)	2	Critical materials are tested, e.g. outgassing, SCC, flammability.	2	Mechanical parts are tested by, for example, vibration, thermal analysis, offgassing and life test.	2	Critical processes are evaluated by testing “technology samples” including all, for example, electrical interconnection processes and painting, adhesive bonding.
Verification/validation/qualification	3	Validation	3	Qualification	3	Verification
Approval	4	By RFA (see <a href="#">Annex E</a> ) or DML	4	By RFA (see <a href="#">Annex E</a> ) or DMPL/DPL	4	By RFA (see <a href="#">Annex E</a> ) or DPL
<p>NOTE 1 Project approval is always by means of the request for approval (RFA) form and the project's declared materials list (DML), declared mechanical parts list (DMPL) and declared processes list (DPL).</p> <p>NOTE 2 The details for approvals of MMPP lists are contained in this document.</p> <p>NOTE 3 To summarize: Materials are validated. Mechanical parts are qualified. Processes are verified.</p> <p>And in addition: Skills training schools are customer approved. Outside test or evaluation laboratories are customer approved. Operators and inspectors for critical processes are trained, competent and monitored.</p>						

## 5.2 Management and consolidation of the activities

### 5.2.1 Relationship

The relationship between materials and processes activities and programme phases is shown in [Annex A](#).

### 5.2.2 Establishing and processing of lists

**5.2.2.1** Each supplier and lower-level supplier shall establish, collect, review and deliver the declared materials, mechanical parts and processes lists including all the items intended for use in the flight equipment. The lists shall reflect the current design at the time of issue. These lists shall contain the materials, mechanical parts and processes used in the current design. The objectives are as follows:

- compliance with all requirements of the programme;
- verification of the results of equipment supplier activities; and
- control and monitoring the status of materials, mechanical parts and processes in conformance with programme milestones. For additional information, see informative [Annex A](#).

**5.2.2.2** The following constraints should be assessed:

- requirements originating from the functional specifications;
- requirements and conditions specific to the project;

- maximum use of the materials and processes described in approved data sources, e.g. national agency standards, and items already approved on similar projects; and
- use of project related preferred lists, if available.

**5.2.2.3** An analysis of the criticality of these preliminary lists shall be performed as such that, after checking the conformity of the materials, mechanical parts and processes against all the project requirements, allow them to be classified into three categories:

- critical items, subject to evaluation, validation, qualification, or verification programmes;
- items that are not critical but which do not conform to one or more project requirements; and
- non-critical items.

For items classified as critical, a request for approval shall be submitted in conformance with [Annex E](#). For items classified as not critical but which are not in conformance with one or more project requirements, a justified deviation request should be drafted.

### 5.2.3 Management of the lists

The supplier shall document all materials in the Declared materials list in conformance with [Annex B](#).

The supplier shall document all mechanical parts in the Declared mechanical parts list in conformance with [Annex C](#).

The supplier shall document all processes in the Declared process list in conformance with [Annex D](#).

The supplier shall process the lists of lower-level suppliers to ensure exchangeability, traceability, searchability, sortability, storability and retrievability for that set of lists, before submitting it to the customer.

These lists shall be updated during the course of the project. The preliminary lists shall include the items from suppliers' preliminary requirements and are used to identify those that are critical (available for the PDR).

The as-designed lists shall include the items from the baseline's various design files, available for the CDR.

Any change after CDR or QR shall be reflected in the list and shall be in accordance with [Figure 2](#).

The MMPP manager is responsible within the programme to ensure that all the information needed is given and that the approval status is consistent with technical and scheduling objectives and that the data are exchangeable.

Where no project requirements exist for a separate DMPL, the mechanical parts can be entered into a separate section of the DML.

The materials of, for example, bearings, screw and nuts that are made up of a few materials, can be listed in the DMPL. The materials (metals and plastics) of complex parts can be listed in the DML with, for example, outgassing, toxicity, flammability, corrosion and stress corrosion values and reference to the DMPL item.

The supplier shall establish, collect, review and deliver the declared materials, mechanical parts and processes lists in an electronic format in conformance with [Annex B](#), [Annex C](#), and [Annex D](#).

The supplier shall demonstrate that the lists have been formally approved prior to their delivery to the customer.