1. Scope & Purpose

This document defines the STRATA Supplier Quality System Requirements and applies to all STRATA suppliers through contractual agreements and/or purchase orders. The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain a Quality Management System and associated processes to ensure conformity to these requirements, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and Customer-specific requirements, and shall monitor, measure, and evaluate internal performance to ensure effectiveness and continual improvement.

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4. Definitions & Abbreviations

4.1 Definitions

Aviation Authority: The official authority having the jurisdiction to approve the design, manufacture, and airworthiness of the Aircraft and/or the Item (e.g., GCAA, EASA, FAA, and other relevant authorities).

Aerostructure Procurement: Procurement of Aerostructure Products and Material products.

Aerostructure Products: Products defined in Customer drawing sets (including Customer-proprietary parts) that reference Customer technical specifications and work procedures for manufacturing and inspection. Includes Build-to-Print work packages, detail parts, extended workbench activities, raw material, drawing parts, specified parts, and standard parts.

ATA 300: Air Transport Association Specification 300 (Packaging Specification)

Build-to-Print Work Package: A supplier that manufactures products to approved engineering drawings and specifications without design authority.

Contract: The legally binding agreement between STRATA and the Supplier consisting of the contract body (e.g., framework agreement, letter of supply), all associated exhibits and orders, and any other documents incorporated by reference; as amended, supplemented, or substituted in accordance with the contract.

Customer: Customer refers to STRATA's end-Customers (e.g., Airbus, Boeing, Pilatus, and other approved recipients of STRATA-produced parts or assemblies).

Distributor/Stockist: A Supplier whose sole function is the onward sale of products and who does not perform any additional manufacturing processes on the products prior to supplying them to STRATA.

Extended Workbench: A supplier authorized to perform STRATA-controlled manufacturing or inspection activities using STRATA-approved data and processes, without design authority.

General Procurement: Procurement of all other products and services not classified as Aerostructure Products.

ISPM-15: International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (Wood Packaging Regulation)

Modification: Any change or evolution to the technical definition of products or services, requested by either Party and decided by STRATA / Customers.

myQSPL: Airbus's centralized digital database used to manage, maintain, and verify the approval status of qualified special process sources, including processors, facilities, and process-site combinations, in accordance with Airbus technical and quality requirements.

Net-Inspect: Boeing-required software for managing First Article Inspection reports.

Non-Aerospace Supplier: Suppliers of raw material, products, and services related to Customer-specific PPE items (e.g., face masks, face shields, gloves), general processes, or other specified low-risk products.

Production Consumables: Materials used to support or aid manufacturing, assembly, inspection, or protection of aerostructure products, which do not form part of the delivered flying or final product configuration.

Qualified Parts List (QPL) Source: Supplies approved products or processes listed on an applicable Qualified Products List. (e.g., Airbus Qualified Parts List (QPL), Boeing D1-4426, or equivalent Customer approval documents).

Spec 2000: Air Transport Association Specification 2000 (Aviation Supply Chain Data Exchange Standard)

Special Process: Processes requiring supplier qualification before work is performed. Where the Customer holds design responsibility, approval is based on the applicable specification listing qualified sources for the specific special process.

Specification: Document defining products in terms of technical requirements, including functions and performance.

Sub-contractor: An external party performing manufacturing, special processes, inspection, testing, or services on behalf of a supplier, for which the supplier remains fully responsible for conformity, traceability, and compliance with STRATA, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

Supplier Quality Assurance (SQA): STRATA's organizational function responsible for supplier quality oversight.

Supplier: An external organization or sub-tier contractor that provides materials, products, processes, or services to STRATA in accordance with applicable STRATA and/or Customer-approved drawings, specifications, qualified product or processor lists (QPLs), and purchase order requirements. In accordance with EASA Part-21, a Supplier may be a Production Organization Approval (POA) holder approved by a recognized aviation authority (e.g., EASA or FAA), or a non-POA supplier operating under STRATA's Quality Management System oversight.

Tooling: Any kind of Equipment and devices used for manufacturing or inspection in accordance with approved engineering and process requirements.

w/w (weight/weight): A mass-based expression of concentration indicating the ratio of the weight of a substance to the total weight of the material or article.

4.2 ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
AITM	Airbus Industry Test Method
AQMS	Aerospace Quality Management System
AS	Aerospace Standard
ASR	Airbus Supplier Requirements
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CAM	Computer Aided Manufacturing
CAR	Corrective Action Request
CB	Certification Body
CCA	Controlled Contamination Area
CMM	Coordinate Measurement Machine
CoC	Certificate of Conformity
DPD	Digital Product Definition
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EMA	Environmental Monitored Area
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAI	First Article Inspection
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
GCAA	General Civil Aviation Authority
IAQG	International Aerospace Quality Group
ICOP	Industry Controlled Other Party
ILAC	International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation
LOP	Life of Plane
MBD	Model Based Definition
MRB	Material Review Board
MRR	Material Review Request
NADCAP	National Aerospace and Defence Contractors Accreditation Program
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
NDI	Non-Destructive Inspection
NDT	Non-Destructive Testing
NOE	Notification of Escape
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
PO	Purchase Order
QAM	Quality Assurance Manual
QAP	Quality Assurance Plan
QMS	Quality Management System
QPL	Qualified Products List
QSPL	Qualified Special Process List
QTML	Qualified Test Method List
SER	Supplier Evaluation Report

SQA	Supplier Quality Assurance
SQP	STRATA Quality Procedure
ToW	Transfer of Work

5. Distribution

The latest applicable and approved revision of this Supplier Quality Requirements document is made available to all suppliers through contractual agreements, purchase orders, or controlled electronic access, and to STRATA employees, as needed, via Enovia and on STRATA's website. (https://www.STRATA.ae/aerospace-suppliers2/).

Suppliers are responsible for accessing, reviewing, and complying with the latest applicable revision of this Supplier Quality Requirements document available on STRATA's website or through official contractual communication.

6. Responsibility & Authority

6.1 STRATA Responsibilities

Supply Chain is responsible for efficiently managing the supplier base and logistics to achieve defined supply chain and business objectives, and for ensuring the identification and controlled flow-down of all necessary documents (drawings, specifications, 3D models, Customer-specific requirements) to enable the effective execution of Purchase Orders (Reference SBD-PP-99-0002 Procure to Pay Definition Manual).

SQA is responsible for defining, communicating, and confirming applicable Key Characteristics and for formalizing them via the APQP Applicability Matrix (SQF-MA-71-0040). SQA shall provide oversight to ensure supplier compliance with STRATA Supplier Quality Requirements and applicable Customer and regulatory requirements.

The SQA function structure, roles, and responsibilities are defined in Appendix G of this document.

6.2 Supplier Responsibilities

The Supplier shall be responsible for complying with all applicable requirements specified throughout this procedure and any additional contractual, customer, regulatory, and STRATA requirements. The Supplier shall ensure that these requirements are effectively communicated, implemented, maintained, monitored, and, where applicable, flowed down throughout its organization and to sub-tier suppliers to ensure continued compliance.

7 Ethics, Product Safety & Information Management

7.1 Supplier Code of Conduct & Information Security

The Supplier shall promote awareness of and comply with the Mubadala Group Supplier Code of Conduct as made available through STRATA's official channels (available on website https://www.STRATA.ae/aerospace-suppliers2/), and with all applicable laws and regulations.

7.2 Information Security

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain controls to ensure the security, confidentiality, integrity, and appropriate use of Customer, STRATA, and regulatory data. These controls shall protect information against unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, loss, or anticipated threats, and shall include requirements for data retention and secure disposal.

The Supplier shall comply with all Customer-specific information security requirements applicable to the programs supported (e.g., Airbus, Boeing, Pilatus), as well as any regulatory or contractual information security requirements flowed down through contract, Purchase Order, or other governing documents.

7.3 Record Retention & Availability

Unless otherwise specified by contract, suppliers shall retain quality records in English in accordance with the retention requirements defined in the table below and make such records available for review by STRATA, its Customers, or regulatory authorities within 24 hours of request.

The Supplier shall ensure that quality records are legible, identifiable, retrievable, and protected from damage, loss, or unauthorized alteration for the duration of the defined retention period.

Customer	Retention Requirement
Airbus	***LOP + 6 years***
Boeing	***LOP***
Pilatus	***12 years***
SABCA	***LOP + 6 years***

Prior to disposal of any quality records, the Supplier shall obtain written agreement from STRATA.

Unless otherwise specified, Non-Aerospace the Supplier shall retain quality records in English for a minimum of two (2) years, or in accordance with applicable contractual or Customer-specific requirements, if more stringent.

7.4 Product Safety

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain controls to ensure product safety throughout all applicable stages of product realization, including material selection, manufacturing, inspection, handling, storage, packaging, and delivery.

Product safety considerations shall be incorporated into risk assessments, change management, training, and nonconformance management activities. Any actual or potential product safety concern shall be immediately communicated to STRATA.

8. Supplier Approval – Registered & Approved Suppliers

8.1 Supplier Registration and Initiation

All suppliers providing products, materials, or services to STRATA shall be registered and entered in STRATA's supplier system using approved registration mechanisms (SAP, Supplier Questionnaire [Appendix C], Supplier Registration Portal, or equivalent STRATA-approved tools) prior to the initiation of supplier evaluation activities.

Supplier approval activities shall be completed and formally recorded before the placement of any purchase order.

Suppliers are classified as:

- Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers
- General Procurement Suppliers
- Non-Aerospace Suppliers

The type, depth, and extent of supplier evaluation and approval activities shall be proportionate to the supplier classification, approved scope of supply, and associated risk, in accordance with STRATA's risk-based approach.

8.2 Supplier Selection

Supplier selection is conducted using one or more of the following methods, based on contractual, Customer, and business requirements:

- Customer-nominated suppliers, where the supplier is mandated or approved by the end Customer.
- STRATA-selected suppliers, identified, evaluated, and selected in accordance with Procure to Pay Definition Manual SBD-PP-99-0002.

All selected suppliers shall be subject to registration, evaluation, and approval in accordance with this Supplier Quality Requirements document prior to placement of any Purchase Order.

8.3 Supplier Evaluation and Approval

Supplier approval shall be granted based on the supplier's classification and approved scope of supply, and is subject to the successful completion of one or more of the following evaluation and verification activities, as determined by STRATA:

- *Documentary Review* - Review and acceptance of objective evidence, including Quality Management System certifications (e.g., AS9100, AS9120, ISO 9001), Customer-specific special process approvals, Nadcap accreditation, and other applicable regulatory or Customer approvals.
- *Audits and Assessments* - Performance of supplier audits and/or assessments, including on-site, remote, or desk-based evaluations, as applicable to the supplier classification and risk level.
- *Compliance Verification* - Confirmation of compliance with STRATA Supplier Quality Requirements and applicable contractual, Customer-specific, and regulatory requirements (e.g., Airbus, Boeing).
- *Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)* – Review & approval of QAPs, where applicable.
- *Capacity & Capability Assessment* - Verification of capacity & capability to meet technical, quality, delivery, and regulatory requirements. A Supplier assessment shall be performed using the **SQF-QA-82-0084 Strata Capability & Capacity Assessment Checklist**.
- *Commercial, Legal, and Regulatory Verification* – Verification of supplier legal and commercial eligibility, including:
    - Maintenance of all relevant regulatory approvals and/or final Customer approvals, where applicable.
    - Provision of evidence of final Customer special-process or testing approvals, when required.
    - Maintenance of a valid trade license and/or company registration, with proof of validity provided upon request.
    - Submission of official bank account details issued on the supplier's bank letterhead and dated no older than three (3) months.

Supplier approval status and approved scope shall be recorded, maintained, and controlled within STRATA's approved supplier system (SAP).

Approval may be full or conditional, time-bound, or restricted based on risk assessment, approval outcomes, performance history, or audit results.

The Supplier Approval Process is provided in Appendix F of this document.

8.4 Supplier Disqualification and Removal

STRATA reserve the right suspend, restrict, or withdraw supplier approval, in whole or in part, if a supplier fails to meet STRATA, Customer, or regulatory requirements, or where continued approval presents unacceptable risk to quality, delivery, compliance, or product safety.

Supplier disqualification may occur due to, but is not limited to:

- Repeated or significant quality issues.
- Failure to implement effective corrective actions.
- Unauthorized changes to design, process, material, or source.
- Non-compliance with NOE, MRR, or concession requirements.
- Supply of nonconforming, counterfeit, or suspect material.
- Loss of required certifications or Customer approvals.
- Failure to support audits or right-of-access.
- Ongoing delivery or performance issues.
- Breach of ethical, regulatory, export control, or contractual obligations.

Disqualified suppliers shall not receive new purchase orders. STRATA shall determine appropriate disposition of products or materials on order, which may include quarantine, return, rework, or cancellation, based on risk and contractual requirements.

Re-approval requires documented completion and verification of corrective actions, re-evaluation in accordance with this Supplier Quality Requirements document, and formal STRATA approval prior to reinstatement of supplier approval status.

9. SUPPLIER CLASSIFICATION

Supplier Classification Note:

Suppliers shall be classified based on the nature of the product or service provided and its potential impact on product conformity, airworthiness, and regulatory compliance. Procurement shall ensure that suppliers are correctly classified according to their approved scope of supply before purchase order placement.

When classifying suppliers, the following principles apply:

- Suppliers providing flying parts, structural raw materials, or services directly affecting aerostructure product conformity shall be classified as Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers (Section 9.1).
- Suppliers providing production support materials that aid manufacturing but do not form part of the delivered flying product shall be classified as Production Consumables Suppliers (Section 9.1.6).
- Suppliers providing tooling, capital equipment, laboratory services, or general services shall be classified as General Procurement Suppliers (Section 9.2).
- Suppliers providing low-risk, non-aerospace products or services shall be classified as Non-Aerospace Suppliers (Section 9.3).

In case of uncertainty, the most stringent applicable supplier classification shall be applied, and clarification shall be obtained from STRATA Supply Chain and Supplier Quality Assurance (SQA) prior to supplier approval or purchase order issuance.

9.1 AEROSTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT SUPPLIER

Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers are suppliers providing Aerostructure Products that directly affect product conformity, airworthiness, or regulatory compliance. These suppliers shall comply with all applicable STRATA, contractual, Customer, statutory, and regulatory requirements relevant to the approved scope of supply.

9.1.1 BUILD-TO-PRINT SUPPLIER

A Build-to-Print Supplier (e.g. Detail parts, assemblies, machined ribs, skins, frames, spars, brackets, bonded assemblies etc.) shall manufacture products strictly in accordance with STRATA or Customer-approved engineering data, specifications, datasets, and purchase order requirements, using the latest approved revisions and without delegated design authority unless formally authorized by STRATA / Customer.

The Supplier shall maintain controlled production, inspection, and verification processes to ensure product conformity, including effective control of nonconforming outputs, rework, repair, and concession activities. The Supplier remains fully responsible for product conformity and compliance.

9.1.2 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIER

A Raw Material Supplier (e.g., pre-preg, honeycomb cores, paints, sealants, adhesives, etc.) shall supply materials approved by STRATA and/or the end Customer, as applicable, and shall comply with all contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

The Supplier shall provide objective evidence of material conformity, including valid material certification with batch or lot traceability, and shall maintain controls for shelf life, storage, handling, and material status identification. Any changes affecting material formulation, source, certification, or availability shall be formally notified to STRATA and approved prior to implementation.

9.1.3 DISTRIBUTOR / STOCKIST

A Distributor or Stockist shall supply products only in their original condition and shall not manufacture, modify, rework, or repair product.

Products shall be sourced exclusively from the original manufacturer or Customer-approved sources (e.g., Airbus QPL, Boeing D1-4426), where applicable. Each delivery shall be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Conformance and objective evidence demonstrating full traceability to the original manufacturer (i.e. OEM C of C, Material Test Report, Certificate of Analysis, or equivalent documentation).

9.1.4 Traders

A Trader shall meet all requirements applicable to Distributors and Stockists and shall additionally provide documented supply chain transparency demonstrating unbroken traceability to the original manufacturer or approved source.

Due to increased supply chain risk, Traders shall comply with counterfeit-part prevention requirements and may be subject to enhanced verification, audit, or scope restrictions. Material shall not be supplied unless the complete supply chain has been reviewed and approved by SQA.

9.1.5 Extended Workbench Supplier

An Extended Workbench Supplier shall (e.g. Outsourced drilling, trimming, deburring, surface treatment, captive inspection support, sub-assembly activities) perform defined manufacturing, inspection, or support activities on behalf of STRATA strictly in accordance with STRATA approved engineering data, work instructions, Quality Plans, and purchase order requirements.

The Supplier shall maintain controlled production and inspection processes, use qualified and authorized personnel, ensure product identification and control of nonconforming outputs, and use suitable and calibrated inspection and measurement equipment. No design or process changes, rework, repair, or concessions shall be implemented without prior written STRATA approval. The Supplier remains fully responsible for conformity of all work performed.

9.1.6 Production Consumables Supplier

A Production Consumables Supplier (e.g. Masking tapes, solvents, cleaners, lubricants, cutting fluids, temporary adhesives, protective wraps, release agents etc.) shall provide materials used to support manufacturing, inspection, or protection of aerostructure products that do not form part of the final flying product.

The Supplier shall ensure such consumables conform to STRATA approved specifications, Customer approved material lists, or Qualified Products Lists (QPLs), where applicable, and comply with all contractual, regulatory, and environmental requirements. Objective evidence of conformity, including Certificates of Conformance, safety data sheets, and shelf-life or batch/lot traceability (where applicable), shall be provided.

Any changes affecting formulation, source, manufacturing location, shelf life, or compliance status shall be notified to STRATA and approved prior to implementation. The Supplier remains responsible for ensuring that production consumables do not adversely affect product quality or product safety.

9.2 General Procurement Suppliers

General Procurement Suppliers—defined as suppliers delivering products or services other than Aerostructure Products—shall comply with the requirements outlined in this section and with applicable contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

When proprietary or confidential information is exchanged between STRATA and the Supplier, a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) shall be established, implemented, and maintained to ensure the protection of such information.

9.2.1 Suppliers of Capital Equipment

Suppliers of Capital Equipment (CAPEX) shall provide equipment that meets the specified technical, quality, safety, and performance requirements defined in the STRATA Capital Equipment Commissioning Procedure SQP-OP-76-0010.

Where such equipment is used in manufacturing, inspection, testing, or handling of product, the Supplier shall ensure suitable controls are in place to prevent damage, contamination, or adverse impact to product conformity. Applicable certifications, approvals, and objective evidence of capability shall be provided and retained.

9.2.2 Suppliers of Tooling

Suppliers of Tooling shall comply with STRATA-defined tooling requirements applicable to the scope of tooling supplied and shall additionally adhere to the requirements of SQI-OP-75-0010 – Tool Administration and Verification, Approval and Identification, Transport & Storage Procedure, where applicable.

These requirements apply to all tooling provided to STRATA, including but not limited to tools, gauges, jigs, fixtures, and production aids used for manufacturing, inspection, handling, or product support.

The Supplier shall ensure tooling is properly identified, verified, controlled, calibrated (where applicable), maintained, preserved, and protected throughout its lifecycle to prevent damage, deterioration, misuse, or unauthorized configuration changes.

9.2.3 Laboratories

Laboratories providing testing or calibration services shall be accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 or an equivalent internationally recognized standard applicable to the scope of services provided, unless otherwise approved by STRATA.

The Laboratory shall ensure measurement traceability to recognized national or international standards, use approved methods, and retain accurate and complete test or calibration records in accordance with Section 7.3.

Where applicable, laboratories shall also hold required Customer approvals or be qualified in accordance with Customer-specific requirements.

9.2.4 Contracts and Services (Service Suppliers and Contract Labor)

Suppliers providing Contracts and Services, including Service Suppliers and Contract Labor, shall comply with all applicable STRATA, contractual, Customer, statutory, and regulatory requirements relevant to the services performed.

The Supplier shall ensure that personnel performing activities affecting product quality or product safety are competent, qualified, and authorized based on appropriate education, training, skills, experience, and any required Customer or regulatory certifications. Objective evidence of competence and qualification shall be documented and retained.

The Supplier shall evaluate the effectiveness of training and qualification activities and maintain records demonstrating continued competence.

Where services include inspection, testing, calibration, or measurement activities, the Supplier shall ensure that approved procedures are followed, suitable and calibrated equipment is used with traceability to recognized standards (where applicable), and records of results are retained in accordance with Section 7.3.

The Supplier remains responsible for the conformity of all services provided and shall ensure applicable requirements are flowed down to any subcontractors or contract personnel.

9.2.5 Contracts & Services – In-situ at Customer

Where services are performed in situ at a Customer site, the Supplier shall comply with all applicable Customer-specific, contractual, and regulatory requirements defined in the Purchase Order or supporting documentation (e.g., Airbus M20691.1 activities, A1057 FOD awareness).

Such services shall be controlled through a documented Quality Plan that defines, as a minimum, the scope of services, roles and responsibilities, personnel qualifications, interfaces, and verification activities. The Supplier shall remain responsible for conformity of the services provided.

9.3 Non-Aerospace Suppliers

Non-Aerospace Suppliers are suppliers providing products or services that do not directly affect aerostructure product conformity, airworthiness, or regulatory compliance, such as personal protective equipment (PPE), general-purpose materials, or other low-risk items.

These suppliers shall comply with applicable STRATA, contractual, statutory, and regulatory requirements relevant to the approved scope of supply. Where proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information is exchanged, a valid Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) shall be established and maintained.

The Supplier shall ensure that provided products or services conform to agreed specifications and that applicable records demonstrating conformity are retained and made available to STRATA upon request.

Based on risk, performance history, or business need, STRATA reserves the right to conduct on-site visits, audits, or verifications to confirm continued compliance. The extent of STRATA oversight shall remain proportionate to the risk and criticality of the supplied product or service.

10. Scope of Quality Approval

10.1 Approval Basis

STRATA reviews and approves Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers based on the maturity and effectiveness of their Quality Management System and their demonstrated technical and organizational capabilities relevant to the intended scope of supply.

Supplier approval is limited strictly to the approved scope of supply defined in the Supplier Questionnaire (Appendix C of this document), Supplier Registration Portal and the Supplier Approval Form (SQF-SO-74-0019), or as formally defined, recorded, and controlled within the vendor approval workflow in SAP.

10.2 Change and Re-evaluation Triggers

Any change proposed or required to the approved scope of supply shall be formally notified to STRATA and shall trigger a re-evaluation of the supplier's approval status.

Continued approval is contingent upon STRATA's reassessment and confirmation that the Supplier retains the capability and capacity to support the revised scope in compliance with contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

11. Re-evaluation & Audits

STRATA reserve the right re-evaluate suppliers at any time based on risk, performance, changes, or regulatory or Customer requirements, either through onsite audits or through the review of recognized third-party audit reports, including those issued by IAQG-qualified bodies, Aerospace & Defence organizations, or major OEMs.

The Supplier shall grant STRATA, its Customers, and regulatory authorities the right of access, consistent with contractual and regulatory requirements, to all facilities, processes, and applicable documented information involved in the fulfilment of the Purchase Order. This right-of-access requirement shall be flowed down to all sub-tier suppliers and maintained as part of contractual arrangements.

All audit types, planning activities, execution requirements, and follow-up actions shall be performed in accordance with SQP-QA-82-0001 – Internal / External Audit Procedure, which is managed internally by STRATA.

For Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers, the re-evaluation frequency shall be determined by the annual supplier risk assessment. For General Procurement Suppliers, re-evaluation shall be based on ongoing Quality and Delivery performance, business criticality, and associated risk.

Continuous monitoring shall be maintained through receiving inspection results, supplier performance metrics, and vendor rating performance, which shall act as ongoing controls between formal re-evaluation and audit activities.

12. Changes of Approval Status & Withdrawal

If a Supplier's approval expires, is suspended, or is otherwise no longer valid and is not renewed within the required timeframe, STRATA shall update the Supplier's status in SAP and block the Supplier using Form SQF-SO-74-0020, thereby preventing the issuance of new Purchase Orders.

The complete process for handling approval expiry, suspension, or withdrawal is defined in Appendix F – Supplier Approval Process Flowchart.

If only a portion of the Supplier's approval, or the approval of one of the Supplier's subcontractors, expires, is suspended, or is withdrawn (e.g., loss of a required certification or Customer approval), STRATA shall restrict or block the affected scope of approval accordingly.

Where Supplier approval suspension or withdrawal arises from performance-based escalation, such actions shall be executed in alignment with Appendix E – Supplier Escalation Procedure.

Re-approval of a Supplier shall be subject to documented completion and verification of corrective actions, successful re-evaluation in accordance with this document, and formal STRATA approval prior to reinstatement.

13. Industrialization & Qualified Sources

13.1 Special Processes

Unless otherwise specified by contract or Purchase Order, The Supplier shall use only special-process sources approved by the relevant Customers and/or accredited by Nadcap and listed on the applicable Customer or Nadcap approval lists (e.g., Airbus QSPL, Boeing D1-4426).

These requirements apply to all internal (captive) and external special processes, including but not limited to heat treatment, plating, chemical processing, and non-destructive testing (NDT).

Where Airbus AIPS 00-00-006 interchangeability is proposed, the Supplier shall obtain formal acceptance from STRATA and Airbus SCQR, and all associated details shall be documented, approved, and recorded in myQSPL prior to implementation.

Unless otherwise specified by Customer-specific requirements, if production involving a qualified Special Process, NDT, or Test Method couple is stopped for more than two (2) consecutive years, the qualification of that couple shall be withdrawn and the process shall be re-qualified and re-approved prior to re-use.

Special-process requirements shall be flowed down and controlled in accordance with Section 6.2 of this Supplier Quality Requirements document as applicable to the scope of supply. STRATA reserve the right to verify compliance at any tier of the supply chain.

13.2 Test Methods (Airbus QTML)

When Airbus Test Methods (AITM, EN, ASTM, or equivalent standards referenced by Airbus) are applicable, the Supplier shall ensure qualification of the Test Method / Test Facility combination and shall ensure its formal registration and maintenance in the Airbus Qualified Test Method List (QTML).

Independent laboratories shall hold valid ILAC-recognized ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation covering the relevant scope of testing. Captive laboratories shall hold EN/AS 9100 certification and are encouraged to obtain ISO/IEC 17025 and/or Nadcap AC7006 accreditation, where applicable to the scope of activities performed.

Surveillance of qualified Test Method / Test Facility combinations shall occur at least every two (2) years, or in accordance with applicable Airbus requirements, and shall include participation in external comparison or inter-laboratory tests and internal homogeneity or correlation studies, where applicable.

For mechanical testing, the Supplier shall verify test frame alignment in accordance with ASTM E1012 or as otherwise specified by applicable Airbus or Customer requirements and shall retain objective evidence of such verification.

All test and qualification records shall be retained in accordance with Section 7.3 of this Supplier Quality Requirements document.

13.3 Materials & Source Couples

The Supplier shall use only STRATA approved and/or Customer qualified material/source couples for the manufacture of products delivered to STRATA.

When a qualified source cannot be identified through Customer-specific approval lists (e.g., Airbus QPL, Boeing D1-4426), the Supplier shall formally request confirmation and approval from STRATA prior to use.

If a non-approved or alternative material/source couple is proposed, the Supplier shall submit a formal request for approval that includes, as a minimum:

- A clear technical justification and rationale, including benefits, risks, and cost impact,
- A documented risk assessment addressing quality, compliance, delivery, and product safety impacts, and
- Any additional supporting information required by STRATA or the applicable Customer.

Such requests shall be submitted using the Coordination Memorandum and/or any Customer-required documentation, as defined in the applicable Quality Plan, and shall not be implemented without formal written approval from STRATA.

13.4 STRATA / Customer Tooling

Suppliers using STRATA-supplied/owned or Customer supplied tools, jigs, fixtures, or production aids shall use such tooling exclusively for its intended purpose and within the approved scope of use and shall establish and maintain controls to ensure it is kept in good working and serviceable condition.

All tooling shall be identified, verified, controlled, maintained, preserved, and protected in accordance with applicable safety, quality, calibration, and traceability requirements, and applicable STRATA or Customer procedures.

13.5 FOD Prevention

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain a comprehensive Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Prevention Program appropriate to the nature of the products, processes, and services performed, unless otherwise defined by Customer-specific requirements, and in accordance with AS9146 where applicable.

The FOD Prevention Program shall define responsibilities and shall include training and awareness, housekeeping and cleanliness controls, inspection and monitoring activities, and corrective actions to prevent the introduction of foreign objects that could adversely affect product conformity, safety, or delivery.

14. Execution & Verification – Deliveries to STRATA

14.1 Engineering Baseline & Document Access

Unless otherwise specified on the order item, The Supplier shall apply the latest applicable and approved revision of all engineering documents, including drawings, 3D models, specifications, and Customer-defined requirements.

The Supplier shall review all applicable engineering and quality documents and shall request any missing or unclear documentation through STRATA Supply Chain prior to execution of the Purchase Order. International standards shall be obtained directly from the relevant publishing authorities and shall not be reproduced or distributed in violation of copyright requirements.

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain documented controls to ensure configuration management and the availability of current documented information, and to prevent the unintended use of obsolete or invalid documentation at all points of use.

The Supplier shall establish documented controls for obsolescence management of documents, drawings, parts, specifications, and standards, to prevent unintended use of obsolete information.

Supplier with the direct access to customer portal (e.g. NormMaster, Exostar), shall:

- Monitor updates to (e.g. BAC, BMS,BSS,AIPS, AIPI, AITM etc.) documents,
- Acknowledge notifications issued through the platform,
- Perform gap analysis for minor changes,
- Support customer audits in the case of major changes, and
- Implement all required updates within six (6) months, unless otherwise specified by customer

The Supplier shall flow down all applicable engineering and quality documents to their subcontractors and shall ensure effective configuration control and compliance at all levels of the supply chain, in accordance with Section 6.2 of this Supplier Quality Requirements document, as applicable to the scope of supply.

14.2 Boeing DPD Compliance (D6-51991)

All Suppliers delivering parts for Boeing programs shall comply fully with the Digital Product Definition (DPD) requirements specified in Boeing Document D6-51991.

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain documented procedures and controls demonstrating how each applicable requirement of D6-51991 is met, including controls for digital product definition management, model usage, validation and verification activities, data security, and configuration integrity.

The Supplier's procedures shall provide objective evidence of compliance, ensure that personnel performing DPD-related activities are trained, competent, and qualified, and ensure effective control of digital datasets, inspection methods, tooling, measurement systems, and derived data throughout product realization.

STRATA shall periodically assess applicable suppliers for compliance with D6-51991 and shall maintain, update, or restrict the supplier's approval status based on assessment results. The Supplier shall fully support STRATA assessments, provide requested documentation and system access, address identified findings, and implement corrective actions with demonstrated effectiveness when required.

14.3 In-process & Final Inspection

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain documented in-process and final inspection and verification activities sufficient to ensure product conformity to all applicable contractual, Customer, regulatory, and STRATA requirements.

Inspection and verification activities shall be planned, defined, and executed in accordance with the applicable Quality Plan, inspection instructions, and approved acceptance criteria.

The Supplier shall use only calibrated and suitable inspection, measurement, and test instruments and equipment for all in-process and final measurements. Calibration shall be traceable to recognized national or international standards and maintained in accordance with an approved calibration system.

Where measurement traceability to national or international standards is not possible, the Supplier shall retain documented evidence of the basis used for calibration or verification.

Where 100% inspection is required by contract, Customer specification, or Quality Plan, this requirement shall be clearly defined, controlled, and documented as part of the inspection planning and execution process.

Any proposed reduction from 100% inspection, including the use of sampling plans or alternative verification methods, shall be formally justified, risk-assessed, and submitted to SQA for review and written approval prior to implementation.

Inspection records shall be retained as quality records in accordance with Section 7.3.

14.4 Product Identification & Traceability

The Supplier shall ensure effective and continuous identification and traceability of all products, materials, and associated documentation throughout all stages of receipt, manufacturing, inspection, storage, and delivery.

All products and materials shall be identified and marked in full compliance with applicable drawings, specifications, and contractual or Purchase Order requirements, to ensure traceability status is clearly always maintained.

The Supplier shall maintain uninterrupted, documented traceability to raw materials, semi-finished products, standard parts, components, and all part-level identifiers, ensuring full linkage between the finished product and its originating sources, manufacturing operations, inspections, and processing history.

For Airbus Class-1 parts produced from blanks, the Supplier shall retain the original blank serial number, assign a new serial number to the machined or elementary part, and apply all Airbus Class-1 identification labels and markings as required by the applicable Airbus specifications.

All identification and traceability records shall be identified, controlled, protected, maintained, and retained in accordance with the record-retention requirements defined in this Supplier Quality Requirements document.

14.5 First Article Inspection (FAI)

The Supplier shall establish, implement, and maintain documented First Article Inspection (FAI) planning, including a defined schedule, scope, and description of activities, for the first production item and for subsequent triggering events, as applicable.

The Supplier shall declare and document all sub-tier supplier activities, outsourced processes, and special processes used in the manufacture or inspection of the product within the First Article Inspection (FAI) Report, where applicable.

The FAI shall provide full visibility of the supply chain and demonstrate conformity to all applicable contractual, Customer, regulatory, and STRATA requirements.

The Supplier shall perform initial, partial, or complete FAIs in full accordance with AS9102 and all applicable Customer-specific requirements. STRATA reserves the right to request FAI reports for any part based on risk, change, or performance considerations.

When required by the Purchase Order or Quality Plan, the Supplier shall submit the FAI report to SQA for review and acceptance. Approval of an FAI does not waive any contractual inspection or testing requirements, nor does it relieve the Supplier of responsibility for ensuring ongoing product conformity.

For Boeing programs, the Supplier shall upload all FAI reports into the Net-Inspect system, designating STRATA as the Customer. STRATA SQA may provide guidance, access, and training as needed.

All First Article parts delivered to STRATA shall be clearly and uniquely identified as “First Article” on the delivery note and the Certificate of Conformance (CoC). A complete copy of the applicable FAI report shall accompany the delivery documentation, and the Supplier shall include the part weight, as required by Customer or STRATA requirements.

If a Purchase Order specifically for FAI is not issued for the first delivered parts, the Supplier remains fully responsible for ensuring that a valid, complete, and compliant FAI is performed and retained as quality evidence. Any additional FAI-related agreements or requirements shall be documented, approved, and controlled within an approved Quality Plan.

14.6 Packing & Delivery Documentation

The Supplier shall package all products in a manner suitable for the applicable mode of transport and storage to ensure protection against damage, contamination, corrosion, moisture, shock, or deterioration, and to preserve product conformity throughout transit and storage.

Packaging shall comply with the applicable contract or Purchase Order requirements, relevant packaging standards (e.g., ATA 300, Spec 2000), and all applicable transportation, export, and regulatory requirements.

Products from different Purchase Orders shall not be mixed within the same package unless otherwise authorized in writing by STRATA. The Supplier remains fully responsible for any loss, damage, or deterioration resulting from inadequate or improper packaging.

All shipment-level inbound delivery documentation requirements, including document types, format, content, and logistics documentation, shall comply with Appendix B – Inbound Delivery Document Requirements.

Where wood packaging materials are used, the Supplier shall comply with ISPM-15 requirements and provide objective evidence of compliance, where required.

14.7 Certificates of Conformity, Test Reports, and Certificates of Analysis – Supplier Requirements

This section defines the supplier responsibilities and controls related to material and product certification, traceability, verification, and record retention.

All shipment-level inbound delivery documentation requirements, including document types, format, minimum content, and logistics documentation, shall comply with Appendix B – Inbound Delivery Document Requirements of this document.

14.7.1 General Requirements

Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers shall ensure full material conformity and uninterrupted material traceability through effective control, verification, and retention of Certificates of Conformance (CoC), Test Reports, and Certificates of Analysis (CoA).

All certification and test documentation shall be:

- Verified for accuracy and completeness prior to use or product release,
- Controlled as quality records,
- Clearly traceable to the delivered material or product, and
- Retained in accordance with Section 7.3 – Record Retention & Availability.

The requirements for document content, shipment inclusion, and delivery documentation format are defined in Appendix B and shall be complied with for all deliveries.

14.7.2 Direct Procurement by STRATA

When materials are procured directly by STRATA from a Distributor, Stockist, or Trader, the Supplier providing the material shall comply with all applicable inbound delivery documentation requirements defined in Appendix B.

Where required by contract, specification, or Purchase Order, STRATA may request copies of applicable certification or test documentation for review or verification purposes.

14.7.3 Indirect Procurement, FAI, and Production Delivery Requirement

When materials are procured by a STRATA Supplier (e.g., Build-To-Print suppliers) from a Distributor, Stockist, or Trader, and subsequently used in products delivered to STRATA, the Supplier shall ensure effective control of such materials throughout procurement, verification, production, and delivery.

All shipment-level documentation shall comply with Appendix B – Inbound Delivery Document Requirements.

In addition, the Supplier shall:

- Verify all procured materials prior to use, confirming conformity to the applicable drawing, specification, and Purchase Order requirements.
- Maintain full and unbroken material traceability to the original manufacturing source throughout production.
- Issue and submit a part-level Certificate of Conformance for each finished part delivered to STRATA, confirming compliance with all applicable requirements.

For First Article Inspection (FAI) submissions, the Supplier shall include, as part of the FAI package:

- The part-level Certificate of Conformance, and
- All applicable material Certificates of Conformance, Test Reports, and/or Certificates of Analysis,

to demonstrate complete and uninterrupted material traceability in accordance with applicable First Article Inspection and Customer requirements.

For serial or production deliveries, material Certificates of Conformance, Test Reports, and Certificates of Analysis related to supplier procured materials are not required to accompany each shipment unless explicitly specified in the Purchase Order. Such documentation shall, however, be retained and made available to STRATA upon request.

14.8 Notification & Control of Organizational and Industrial Changes

This section This section defines the mandatory requirements for the notification, assessment, approval, and control of organizational and industrial changes that may affect product conformity, quality, delivery, safety, or configuration.

An Industrial Change is defined as any planned or unplanned change that may impact quality, configuration, conformity, process capability, or delivery, including but not limited to:

- Organizational changes affecting quality or production control,
- Changes to facilities, layout, equipment, tooling, or environmental conditions (e.g., CCA / EMA),
- Internal or external transfer or outsourcing of work,
- Changes to manufacturing processes, inspection methods, testing, or special-process sources,
- Supply-chain or material-source changes,
- Any change that may trigger new or delta First Article Inspection requirements.

The Supplier shall formally notify STRATA without delay of any such change using Form SQF-SO-74-0021 (Supplier Change Request Notification Form).

No Industrial Change shall be implemented until STRATA has reviewed the notification and, where applicable, provided formal written approval and defined the agreed path forward, including any required risk assessment, mitigation actions, validation activities, or First Article Inspection impact.

Any Transfer of Work (ToW) shall be managed in accordance with SQP-OP-74-0002 – Control of Work Transfers.

The Supplier remains responsible for flowing these requirements down to applicable sub-tier suppliers and for ensuring continued compliance with contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements before, during, and after implementation of any approved change.

15. Control of Counterfeit & Nonconformity

15.1 Counterfeit Management

The Supplier shall purchase all aerostructure parts, materials, and assemblies only from Customer qualified, Customer approved, or STRATA approved sources, in accordance with applicable contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

The Supplier shall establish and maintain counterfeit part prevention and detection controls and shall verify all incoming products through appropriate inspection and verification activities, including, but not limited to, certification review, purchase-order and specification verification, traceability validation, and visual inspection of packaging, labelling, and identification markings, to ensure authenticity and conformity.

Any part or material suspected of being counterfeit, suspect, or fraudulent, whether identified by STRATA or the Supplier, shall be treated as nonconforming output and shall be immediately identified, segregated, and controlled in accordance with the applicable Non-Conformity Procedure.

In all such cases, the Supplier shall perform documented root-cause analysis and shall submit a complete and timely 8D corrective-action report, including containment, corrective actions, and verification of effectiveness.

Confirmed or suspected counterfeit parts shall not be returned to the supply chain and shall be disposed of, retained, or reported in accordance with Customer, regulatory, and STRATA requirements.

15.2 Non-Conforming Products

The Supplier shall take immediate action to protect STRATA and its Customers upon identification of any actual or potential nonconforming output or nonconforming output.

Nonconforming product shall be identified, controlled, and prevented from unintended use or delivery in accordance with documented procedures.

Records related to nonconforming products, concessions, and Notifications of Escape (NOE) shall be retained in accordance with Section 7.3.

The Supplier shall not deliver nonconforming items, previously rejected or returned parts to STRATA without prior written approval from SQA.

If any nonconforming parts have already been delivered, the Supplier shall formally notify STRATA through a Notification of Escape within the Customer specified timelines defined in table below.

Customer	*Notification Timeline*
Boeing	***Within 2 days***
Airbus	***Within 24 hours***
Pilatus	***Within 24 hours***
SABCA	***Within 12 hours***

If a recall affects parts already delivered to the end Customer, STRATA will notify its Customers in accordance with the applicable Quality Plans; however, the Supplier shall fully support STRATA in all requested containment, investigation, and corrective action activities.

15.2.1 Non-Conformity at Supplier Site

For any nonconforming items identified at the Supplier site prior to delivery to STRATA, the Supplier shall submit a formal concession request using Form SQF-SO-74-0018, unless an alternative method is defined and approved in the applicable Quality Plan.

The Supplier shall not ship any affected items without final written approval from SQA.

Upon receipt of approval, the Supplier shall record the STRATA concession number (Q5) on the Certificate of Conformance (CoC), include a copy of the approved concession in the delivery documentation, and clearly and durably identify the affected parts with the corresponding concession number.

The Supplier shall implement appropriate containment and corrective actions, including documented root-cause analysis and verification of effectiveness and shall ensure that similar nonconformities are prevented from recurrence.

15.2.2 Non-Conformity at STRATA or Customer

Upon receipt Upon receipt of a complaint or notification from STRATA related to a non-conforming product identified at STRATA or at the final Customer, the Supplier shall take immediate action to protect STRATA and its Customers, including prompt containment, investigation, and documented root cause analysis.

The Supplier shall define, implement, and verify effective containment, corrective, and preventive actions and provide objective evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of such actions. Where required, corrective action shall be managed using Form SQF-QA-82-0078 or another STRATA-approved corrective action methodology.

All actions shall be completed within the timelines defined by STRATA or the applicable Customer requirements. Nonconformities shall remain open until formally closed by STRATA Supplier Quality Assurance.

Where repeated or systemic nonconformities result in supplier performance degradation, escalation of the Supplier shall be managed in accordance with Appendix E – Supplier Escalation Procedure.

15.3 Cost of Non-Quality

The Supplier shall be responsible for all reasonable, attributable, and verifiable costs incurred by STRATA as a direct or indirect result of nonconforming parts, materials, or services supplied by the Supplier.

Such costs may include, but are not limited to, costs associated with inspection, re-inspection, rework, repair, scrap, containment, sorting, testing, logistics, disruption to production, Customer charges, penalties, administrative effort, and regulatory or Customer notifications.

All records supporting cost-of-non-quality claims shall be retained in accordance with Section 7.3.

STRATA shall recover such costs from the Supplier, and all associated claims, chargebacks, and financial recovery activities shall be executed in accordance with SQP-SO-74-0008 – Supplier Claims Management Procedure.

15.4 Inspection Delegation

In accordance with SQP-QA-75-0001 – Inspection Delegation Procedure, STRATA reserve the right grant Receiving Inspection Delegation authority to selected and qualified suppliers based on demonstrated capability, performance, and risk assessment.

When such delegation is granted, the Supplier is authorized to perform defined and approved inspection and verification activities on behalf of STRATA prior to product delivery.

The Supplier shall comply fully with all requirements, responsibilities, limitations, and controls defined in the formal inspection delegation approval, and shall ensure that delegated inspection activities are performed by competent and qualified personnel, using approved methods, equipment, and documented procedures.

Inspection delegation does not relieve the Supplier of full responsibility for product conformity, nor does it limit STRATA's or the Customer's right of access, oversight, or withdrawal of delegation at any time.

16. Supplier Performance & Escalation

Aerostructure Procurement Suppliers shall be monitored, measured, and evaluated by STRATA for Quality, Delivery, and Service performance using defined performance indicators and evaluation criteria defined in Appendix A - Supplier Rating and Monitoring System.

Supplier performance results shall be communicated through Supplier Scorecards, which are made available via the Supplier Portal and used as key inputs for supplier monitoring, re-evaluation, and risk assessment activities.

Suppliers are responsible for identifying, implementing, and maintaining effective improvement actions whenever performance does not meet STRATA's defined expectations.

Where Supplier performance fails to meet STRATA minimum performance requirements, escalation of the Supplier shall be managed strictly in accordance with Appendix E – Supplier Escalation Procedure, which defines escalation entry criteria, escalation stages, authority levels, timelines, monitoring requirements, and escalation outcomes.

Supplier performance data, audit results, and escalation outcomes shall be used as inputs to STRATA's ongoing supplier oversight, re-evaluation, and continual improvement activities

17. Supplier Quality Assurance Plan

This section provides requirements and guidance for the preparation, review, acceptance, implementation, and revision of Quality Assurance Plans (QAPs).
The Supplier shall develop, implement, and maintain a QAP in accordance with the general guidelines defined in ISO 10005 – Quality Management Systems – Guidelines for Quality Plans, unless otherwise specified by STRATA or the applicable Customer.

The QAP shall define how the Supplier's procedures align with, supplement, or differ from the quality system requirements of STRATA and/or the final Customer (e.g., AS/EN 9100). The QAP shall reference applicable record-retention and document-control requirements as defined in Section 7.3. The QAP shall clearly describe the processes, responsibilities, controls, inspection and verification activities, acceptance criteria, and records necessary to ensure that, throughout the processes of design (where applicable), manufacturing, inspection, testing, and services, product conformity is achieved and maintained in compliance with all contractual, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

When required by STRATA, the Supplier shall submit the QAP to SQA for review and approval within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award, or within an alternative timeframe defined by STRATA.

The Supplier shall maintain the QAP as a controlled document, ensure it remains current and reflective of approved processes, and revise it when changes occur. All QAP revisions initiated by the Supplier shall be submitted to STRATA SQA for review and formal approval prior to implementation.

18. Supplier Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP)

The Supplier shall integrate Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) methodologies defined in AS9145, with all applicable formats, submission requirements, deliverables, and verification activities defined, coordinated, and agreed with STRATA using the Applicability Matrix (SQF-MA-71-0040), as referenced in this Supplier Quality Requirements document.

The Supplier shall develop, implement, and maintain a documented APQP Plan that defines the sequence of activities, responsibilities, inputs, outputs, deliverables, and timing for each applicable APQP phase.

The APQP Plan shall incorporate risk-based thinking, identify and control risks, define and manage key and critical characteristics, establish validation and verification activities, and ensure full compliance with STRATA, Customer, and regulatory requirements.

When required by STRATA, the Supplier shall submit the APQP Plan to SQA for review and approval within the timeframe defined in the Purchase Order, Quality Plan, or program kick-off documentation.

The Supplier shall maintain the APQP Plan as a controlled document throughout the project lifecycle, updating it as necessary when risks change, processes evolve, nonconformities are identified, or new requirements arise.

When mandated by contract or agreed with STRATA, any revisions to the APQP Plan shall be submitted to STRATA for review and formal approval prior to implementation.

The Supplier shall ensure that applicable APQP requirements are effectively flowed down, implemented, and monitored at all relevant sub-tier suppliers, in accordance with Section 6.2 of this Supplier Quality Requirements document, as applicable to the scope of supply.

STRATA reserves the right to audit, verify, or request objective evidence of APQP activities, deliverables, and effectiveness at any stage of the program.

19. Supplier Risk Analysis

STRATA conducts a documented annual supplier risk analysis to identify high-risk and critical suppliers, considering factors including, but not limited to, quality performance, delivery performance, service levels, inspection-delegation status (where applicable), business dependence, program criticality, compliance history, and any other relevant risk indicators.

The Supplier shall support STRATA's risk-assessment activities by providing complete, accurate, and timely information reasonably requested to evaluate these risk factors.

The results of the supplier risk assessment shall be jointly reviewed and formally documented by STRATA Supply Chain and SQA through documented Minutes of Meeting or equivalent records.

For suppliers identified as high-risk and/or key suppliers, STRATA Supply Chain shall perform financial and business-continuity due-diligence activities, conducted internally or through approved external service providers, as applicable.

The output of the annual supplier risk analysis and associated due-diligence activities shall be used as an input to STRATA's annual audit, surveillance, and re-evaluation planning, in accordance with internal procedure SQP-QA-82-0001 – Internal / External Audit Procedure.

The Supplier shall cooperate fully with all audits, evaluations, surveillance, and follow-up activities arising from the supplier risk-analysis process.

20. REACH & Sustainability Requirements

The Supplier shall support STRATA's compliance with the EU REACH Regulation (EC 1907/2006) and all applicable environmental, chemical-substance, and sustainability regulations relevant to the scope of supply.

The Supplier shall notify STRATA without delay and in writing if any supplied article contains a Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) in a concentration greater than 0.1% (w/w), as listed on the current REACH Candidate List referenced in Appendix B of this Supplier Quality Requirements document, and shall provide all required supporting declarations and evidence.

For Airbus programs, and upon STRATA's request, the Supplier shall provide all required environmental and sustainability documentation, including but not limited to:

- Material Declaration Form (MDF) / digital MDF (dMDF)
- Sustainability Maturity Assessment responses
- Airbus-specific substance declarations and questionnaires

These requirements are in addition to all standard REACH and environmental compliance obligations. The Supplier shall ensure the timely submission, accuracy, traceability, and ongoing validity of all requested data, declarations, and records, and shall flow down applicable REACH and sustainability requirements to sub-tier suppliers, where relevant.

21. Related Documents

21.1 External & Supplier-Applicable Documents

The following documents and standards are applicable to suppliers where referenced in this document or where required by contract, purchase order, or Customer requirements:

Reference	Name
A1057	Requirements for Foreign Object Prevention Management
AIPS 00-00-006	Reference List - Airbus Manufacturing Process Referential
AS/EN9100	Quality Management Systems - Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defence Organizations
AS9102	Aerospace Series - First Article Inspection Requirements
AS9145	Aerospace Series – Requirements for APQP and PPAP
AS9146	Foreign Object Damage Prevention Program – Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defence Organizations
D6-51991	Quality Assurance Standard for Digital Product Definition at Boeing Suppliers
EC 1907/2006	European Commission REACH Regulation
ISO 10005	Guidelines for Quality Plans
ISO/IEC 17025	General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories
M20691.1	Supplier/Service Provider Compliance Rules for In Situ Industrial Activities
SQF-MA-71-0040	Applicability Matrix for Suppliers
SQF-QA-82-0078	Supplier Corrective Action Request Form
SQF-SO-74-0018	Supplier Concession Request Form
SQF-SO-74-0021	Supplier Change Request Notification Form
SQI-OP-75-0010	Tool Administration and Verification, Approval and Identification, Transport & Storage Procedure

21.2 STRATA Internal References (For Internal Use Only)

The following documents are STRATA internal procedures and manuals, used to manage, control, and assure compliance with the requirements defined in this document. These are not intended for supplier use or review, unless explicitly shared by STRATA.

Reference	Name
SBD-PP-99-0002	Procure to Pay Definition Manual
SQF-SO-74-0019	STRATA Supplier Approval
SQF-SO-74-0020	STRATA Supplier Blocking
SQP-OP-74-0002	Control of Work Transfers
SQP-QA-75-0001	Inspection Delegation Procedure
SQP-QA-82-0001	Internal / External Audit Procedure
SQP-QA-83-0001	Non-Conformity Procedure
SQP-SO-74-0008	Supplier Claims Management Procedure
SQP-OP-76-0010	Capital Equipment Commissioning Procedure
SQF-QA-82-0084	Strata Capability & Capacity Assessment Checklist

Classified as STRATA General-Internal

22. APPENDICES

Appendix A	Supplier Rating and Monitoring System
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