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1. SCOPE:

Limited to the Aerospace industry where an approved manufacturer requests a supplier to ship an article against the approved manufacturer's quality system directly to a customer. The direct ship process is not required or applicable to standard parts or military parts. In this process the approved manufacturer is responsible for assurance that the article conforms to Type Design information.

1.1 Purpose:

This Aerospace Recommended Practice (ARP) provides guidance to an approved manufacturer, their suppliers, and customers when an approved manufacturer requests a supplier to ship an article against the approved manufacturer's purchase document directly to a customer, commonly known as "Direct Ship".

2. RELATED MATERIAL:

These include but are not limited:

FAA Publications

- a. Eligibility, Quality, and Identification of Aeronautical Replacement Parts, FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 20-62
- b. Production Certificates, FAA AC 21-1
- c. Supplier Surveillance Procedures, FAA AC 21-20
- d. Detecting and Reporting Suspected Unapproved Parts, FAA AC 21-29

3. DEFINITIONS:

APPROVED MANUFACTURER: A manufacturer that is responsible for the quality of an article and has obtained the right to use a design from the design approval holder (may be the same entity). This is the holder of a Production Certificate (PC), Approved Production Inspection System (APIS), Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), or Technical Standard Order (TSO) authorization or any other production approval issued by any National Airworthiness Authority.

ARTICLE: Any material, part, product, component, assembly or appliance which is used in a type certificated product.

CUSTOMER: The recipient of a direct ship article (owner/operator, repair station, distributor, etc)

DELEGATED INSPECTION: The delegation of inspection authority to a supplier on behalf of the approved manufacturer.