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RATIONALE

The Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) is a program that allows organizations to report common items with major and critical nonconformances, including suspect counterfeit or counterfeit items (herein referred to as S/C items). GIDEP members use GIDEP data and information to prevent the infiltration of major and critical nonconforming material including counterfeits into industry and government supply chains and products.

This standard defines the uniform requirements and practices that organizations follow when using GIDEP, as required when United States Federal Acquisition Regulation, FAR 52.246-26, or Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, DFARS 252.246-7007, are invoked in contracts. FAR 52.246-26 is applicable to both critical/major nonconformances and Suspect Counterfeit or Counterfeit (S/C), while DFARS 252.246-7007 is applicable to counterfeit (S/C) electronics parts and assemblies containing such parts. Additionally, this document describes the requirements of FAR 52.246-26 and DFARS 252.246-7007 using discussion and examples to enhance the user's understanding of how the regulations apply to GIDEP. One concept that is central to the reporting to and use of GIDEP is that GIDEP contains reports about commonly available items including, but not limited to, Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS). It is critical that all nonconforming or S/C items (commercial and/or military) be reported to GIDEP to prevent continued procurement and usage.

There are five basic requirements of FAR 52.246-26: (1) screening existing GIDEP reports; (2) notifying the Contracting Officer if S/C items are discovered; (3) retaining S/C items; (4) reporting to GIDEP major or critical nonconforming items, or S/C items; and (5) applying these requirements to appropriate subcontracts. These requirements apply when FAR 52.246-26 is invoked in the contract.

There will be circumstances where the organization subcontracts for commercial items. This subcontract is exempt from flow-down of FAR 52.246-26, but the commercial items received by the organization from the subcontractor are covered by the FAR 52.246-26(b)(4), which is the requirement to submit a report to GIDEP.

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1. SCOPE

1.1 Purpose and Application

This standard defines the requirements for reporting nonconforming material, including Suspect Counterfeit or Counterfeit (S/C) items to GIDEP, and using such information from GIDEP to prevent the use of such items.

1.2 Relationship to U.S. Federal Regulations

This standard applies to organizations with contracts requiring compliance with U.S. Federal Regulations, including FAR 52.246-26 and DFARS 252.246-7007 regarding the use of GIDEP, and DFARS 252.246.7008.

NOTE: It is important that the organizations have a working knowledge of these regulations.

1.3 Relationship to Quality Management System (QMS) Requirements

This document should be used in conjunction with a higher-level quality standard (e.g., AS/EN/JISQ9100, ISO 9001, ANSI/ASQC E4, ASME NQA-1, AS9120, AS9100, AS9003, IAF16949, or equivalent) and other quality management system documents. It is not intended to stand alone or supersede the requirements of other quality management system documents, contracting authorities, or applicable laws and regulations unless an authorized exemption/variance has been obtained. This document is not intended to make a legal determination of fraud, and appropriate legal counsel should be consulted for further action.

1.4 Organization's Internal Operations Policy

The organization establishes, documents, and implements an internal operations policy that includes procedures for the collection, dissemination, and utilization of GIDEP data, and ensures that required information is reported to GIDEP. This should be integral to the organization's quality management system.

2. REFERENCES

2.1 Applicable Documents

The following publications form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order. In the event of conflict between the text of this document and references cited herein, the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

2.1.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or +1 724-776-4970 (outside USA), www.sae.org.

AS9003 Inspection and Test Quality Systems Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defense Organizations

AS9100 Quality Management Systems - Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defense Organizations

AS9120 Quality Management Systems - Requirements for Aviation, Space, and Defense Distributors

2.1.2 ANSI Accredited Publications

Copies of these documents are available online at <https://webstore.ansi.org/>.

ANSI/ASQC E4 Quality management systems for environmental information and technology programs - Requirements with guidance for use

2.1.3 ASME Publications

Available from ASME, P.O. Box 2900, 22 Law Drive, Fairfield, NJ 07007-2900, Tel: 800-843-2763 (U.S./Canada), 001-800-843-2763 (Mexico), 973-882-1170 (outside North America), www.asme.org.

ASME NQA-1 Nuclear Quality Assurance Certification

2.1.4 GIDEP Publications

Available from Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP), P.O. Box 8000, Corona, CA 92878-8000, Tel: 951-898-3207, <https://www.gidep.org/>.

SD-25 Policies and Procedures

2.1.5 ISO Publications

Available from International Organization for Standardization, ISO Central Secretariat, 1, ch. de la Voie-Creuse, CP 56, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Tel: +41 22 749 01 11, www.iso.org.

ISO 9001 Quality management system – Requirements

IATF16949 Automotive Quality Management System

2.1.6 U.S. Federal Regulations

Copies of these documents are available online at <https://www.acquisition.gov/>.

DFARS 252.246-7007 Contractor Counterfeit Electronic Part Detection and Avoidance System

DFARS 252.246-7008 Sources of Electronic Parts

FAR 46.317 Reporting Nonconforming Items

FAR 52.246-2 Inspection of Supplies – Fixed Price

FAR 52.246-26 Reporting Nonconforming Items

2.1.7 Other Publications

Federal Register/Vol. 84, No. 226/Friday, November 22, 2019, Rules and Regulations

2.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the abbreviations and definition of terms listed below apply.

2.2.1 GIDEP Definitions

AGENCY ACTION NOTICE (AAN): A GIDEP document issued by government agencies to report general, nonconformance, and suspect counterfeit parts information. Government agencies also issue AANs for other types of information.

ALERT (AL): A GIDEP document that reports a failure (actual or with a high probability) with an item, part, material, specification, manufacturing process, or test equipment. It does not include random part failures or failures resulting from applications outside of published design requirements.

GIDEP REPRESENTATIVE: An individual appointed by the participating organization as the single contact point for the program.

PROBLEM ADVISORY (PA): A GIDEP document that reports nonconformances with a low probability of causing a functional failure, including problems with products and processes not meeting specifications.

PRODUCT CHANGE NOTICE (PCN): A GIDEP document that reports major design changes and notifies customers of changes that affect the form, fit, function, or reliability of the products. Manufacturers also issue PCNs for other types of information.

SAFE-ALERT (SA): A GIDEP document that reports an actual or potential safety problem with parts, components, materials, manufacturing processes, test equipment, or safety conditions.

SCREENING: Is the process of searching the GIDEP database(s) for relevant reports and using the information to preclude delivery of S/C items or items that contain major or critical nonconformances, to customers.

2.2.2 Definitions of Terms or Terms Used within the Federal Acquisition Regulations¹

COMMON ITEM: “An item that has multiple applications versus a single or peculiar application.”

NOTE: If the item is available on the commercial market, it is a common item. An item may be either a single part or material, or an assembly of parts and materials. If the root cause analysis identifies such an item as major or critical nonconforming or S/C, then it is reported to GIDEP.

CRITICAL ITEM: “A critical item is an item whose failure is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using, maintaining, or depending upon the item, or is likely to prevent the performance of a vital agency mission.”

CRITICAL NONCONFORMANCE: “A critical nonconformance is a nonconformance that is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using, maintaining, or depending upon the supplies or services, or is likely to prevent the performance of a vital agency mission.”

MAJOR NONCONFORMANCE: “A major nonconformance is a nonconformance, other than critical, that is likely to result in the failure of the supplies or services, or to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose.”

2.2.3 Other Definitions

COMMERCIAL OFF-THE-SHELF (COTS): A non-developmental item of supply that is both commercial and sold in the commercial marketplace. It can be procured or utilized under a government contract in the same form as it is available to the general public. The item may be commercial or produced to military or federal specifications or description.

DIMINISHING MANUFACTURING SOURCES AND MATERIAL SHORTAGES (DMSMS) NOTICE: A Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) Notice is a GIDEP document used when a part manufacturer announces the discontinuance of a part or a production line. It includes both commercial parts and parts manufactured to military or government specifications.

NOTE: DMSMS occurrences create a risk for counterfeit items to infiltrate the supply chain.

ITEM: For the purposes of this document, an item is a physical object that is a commonly available product or material such as a non-developmental item, commercial off-the-shelf item, National Stock Numbered item, or catalogue item. The term includes a material, part, component, or product.

¹ Reprinted from FAR 52.246-26 (<https://www.acquisition.gov/far/52.246-26>), FAC Number: 2025-03.