



Supplier Control through Other Parties

The EASA view

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Current Requirement

Part 21A.139 Quality system

(b) The quality system shall include:

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- (ii) Vendor and subcontractor assessment audit and control
- (iii) Verification that incoming products, parts, materials, and equipment, including items supplied new or used by buyers of products, are as specified in the applicable design data.

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Current Guidance

- **GM No. 2 to 21A.139(a) Conformity of supplied parts and appliances**
 - ★ **The POA holder is responsible**
 - ★ **Quality system needs organisational structure and procedures to control suppliers**
 - ★ **Following techniques can be used**
 - Qualification and auditing of supplier's quality system
 - Evaluation of supplier capability
 - First article inspection
 - Etc. etc.
 - ★ **Supplier who does not hold POA is considered subcontractor under direct control of the POA quality system**



ICOP

➤ EASA acceptance of ICOP

- ★ **ICOP to be added to the tools for supplier control**
- ★ **Suppliers not always under direct control of POAH quality system**
- ★ **However: ICOP cannot replace POAH supplier control completely**



EU new approach and global approach

- **EU general policy regarding certification and standardisation**
- **This policy contains general criteria for acceptance of third party certification schemes**
- **First condition for acceptance of ICOP is compliance with those criteria**



European Accreditation

- **Commission recognises EA (European co-operation for Accreditation) for ensuring that accreditation is performed in accordance with EU principles**
- **EA has confirmed that ICOP is in line with EU principles for third party certification**



EASA actions

- **EASA is ready to move towards acceptance of ICOP as one of the tools for supplier control by POA**
- **Need for buy-in from bilateral partners**
- **General comments provided to IAQG
 - ✧ **The feedback (both ways) is not complete.**
 - ✧ **standardization across the three sectors of IAQG**
 - ✧ **The authorities need to see how ICOP implementation works.****



EASA actions (continued)

- **EASA rulemaking task to define conditions for using Other Party Schemes**
- **EASA will agree with other authorities how to check compliance of ICOP with above criteria**



Conclusion

- **we continue to work together with IAQG to make ICOP a success.**