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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Systems - Requirements, Transition

This memorandum authorizes a streamlined process and consistent approach for the Department of Defense (DoD) on Defense contracts to simplify transition from the 1994 edition of ANSI/ISO/ASQ 9001, 9002, or 9003 to the 9001:2000, Quality Management Systems - Requirements, version, when elected by a contractor. Contracting officers shall authorize contractors and their subcontractors to implement ISO 9001:2000 in place of 1994 ISO 9001, 9002 or 9003, subject to no change in price, fee, cost or contractual product or service requirements. As applicable, DoD activities should encourage contractors to notify management councils or administrative contracting officers of their transition strategy. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) intends to join DoD in implementing this initiative.

When the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) is the cognizant contract administration office and the contractor elects to transition their quality management system, DCMA is authorized to monitor the transition and implementation and to approve and issue appropriate modifications to associated contracts. If DCMA is not the cognizant activity, as is the case with NASA, the cognizant contracting officer will generate appropriate contract modifications. The transition to the new standard should require no more than three years.

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