Qualification & Qualified Products Database

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Presentation Outline

• What is qualification
• Why we qualify
• The Qualified Products Database (QPD)
• How we maintain qualification data
• Information needed to build a Qualified Products List (QPL) or Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)
• Demonstration of retrieving qualification data using:
  • ASSIST (https://assist.dla.mil)
  • Qualified Products Database (QPD) (https://assist.dla.mil)
  • QPLDocs (http://qpldocs.dla.mil)
  • Quicksearch (http://quicksearch.dla.mil)
• Process of testing in advance of, and independent of, an acquisition
• Specification driven; stated in section 3
• Manufacturers who have passed the testing requirements are put on a Qualified Products List (QPL) or Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)
Why We Qualify

- The time required to conduct those tests identified in the applicable specification as exclusive to qualification exceeds 30 days (720 hours).
- Qualification tests require special equipment not commonly available.
- Qualification tests are for survival or emergency life-saving equipment.
- The item is designated as safety critical in the Federal Logistics Information System.
Qualified Products Database (QPD)

- Electronic system
- Introduced in 2006
- Database tracks retention of qualification
- Database is specification driven
- Address of manufacturers and suppliers via feed from System for Award Management (SAM)
- Allows qualifying activities the ability to manage their QPL’s and QML’s in a “workflow system,” in near real time
Qualified Products Database (QPD) 
Qualifying Activity Personnel

• Allows Qualifying Personnel to manage the Qualification program for their respective service
• 728 QPLs currently in the QPD containing 19M manufacturers part numbers
• 195 Qualifying Activity Personnel
  – 28 Qualifying Activity Administrators (Highest role)
• FY 16 QPD had over 7,800,000 hits
Qualified Products Database Access

• **Management/Maintenance Roles**-
  – Super User: Universal master administrator account; all access, all data, ability to publish in the database
    o Developers, DSPO, DLA Document Services
  – QA & QA Admin: Can do most functions of Super Users, but only for the specific qualifying activity they manage (only QA Admins can add personnel)
  – Cognizant Engineer, and Data Entry: Manages the qualification program for an activity, but cannot publish.
  – DepSO: Read only, visibility of status and data department-wide

• **Users Capabilities**-
  – XML: Allows user to download XML files
  – Import/Export: Allows users to import or export large files via excel into QPD.
Qualified Products Database (QPD) Qualifying Activities

- Qualified Products Database (QPD) is accessed through the ASSIST and serves as the official repository for all qualification information
- Level of access to QPLs is driven by the users role
- Users need an individual ASSIST account to load and maintain QPL Data
- Internal users with an ASSIST account can:
  - Conduct searches by part number, source name, governing spec, FSC, etc.
  - Run standard reports (i.e. manufacturer’s parts by CAGE code, or Gov’t designation, activity management reports, etc.)
  - Download QPL data in PDF
  - Provides updates to QPL/QML information in near-real-time
Qualified Products Database (QPD) Users

• Qualified Products Database (QPD) can be accessed through the ASSIST

• External users with an ASSIST account can:
  – Conduct searches by part number, source name, governing spec, FSC, etc.
  – Run limited reports (i.e. manufacturer’s designation, Gov’t designation, or suppliers by QPL, etc)
  – Access PDF Downloads of QPLs
Qualified Products Database (QPD)

Non-account holders may also access QPL data from the following sites:

ASSIST QuickSearch (read only, no downloads)
- http://quicksearch.dla.mil

QPLDOCs (read only, no downloads)
- http://qpldocs.dla.mil
Maintaining Qualification

• Criteria to retain qualification are applied periodically to ensure continued integrity of the qualification status.

• Manufacturer, the user, and the Government are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the QPD.

• Qualification Retention:
  – Periodic Recertification (every 24 mos*)
  – Re-submission of Test Data
  – Full Requalification Testing
Information Needed to Build a QPL or QML in QPD

- Specification which calls out qualification active in ASSIST
- Government Part Number(s)
- Manufacturers Part Number(s)
- Active CAGE Code(s) of the Manufacturer’s physical address and plants
- Name of Individual who is responsible for the qualification program at the manufacturers site(s)
- Test Reference
- NSN’s (Optional)
- Whether the item is designated a Critical Safety Item (CSI) in the Federal Logistics Information System
Live Demonstration QPD

https://assist.dla.mil

http://qpldocs.dla.mil

http://quicksearch.dla.mil
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