



# 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>)



# What is Qualification



- **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
  - 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>



# DoD Qualification Policy Overview



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