



# **DoD Qualification Automation Update**

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# *Preview*



- **Definition**
- **QPLs / QMLs**
- **Scope**
- **Background**
- **New database**
- **QA training**
- **Implementation**
- **Status**



# *Qualification Defined*



- **Examine and test products, processes, or materials of manufacturers and distributors**
- **Determine conformance to spec requirements**
- **In advance of, and independent of, an acquisition**



# QPL / QML



- **Qualified Products List (QPL)**
  - List of products meeting DoD qualification requirements
- **Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)** –
  - List of qualified processes, materials, and/or manufacturing operations (production lines) that can be used to build a wide array of products meeting the requirements of a spec



# Scope



- **QPLs – Total of 749**

Army	69
Navy	325
Air Force	116
DLA	229
FED	10

- **QMLs – Total of 5**

DLA	4
Navy	1

- **Overall – Total of 754**



# *Background*



- **Qualification Working Group (QWG) recommended automating DoD's Qualification Process for 21<sup>st</sup> Century**
  - Support limited DoD resources
  - Provide near real-time qualification data
- **DSPO agreed to sponsor development of an online database**
  - Engaged developer to build the database
  - Conducted site surveys to assess user needs
  - Monitored database design



# *Qualified Products Database*



- **New database is called Qualified Products Database or “QPD”**
- **QPD went live on 3 April 2006**
  - **User training sessions are being held**
  - **Population of database is in progress**
  - **Full transition to automation will depend on how quickly Qualifying Activities can transform their current data**



# *Qualified Products Database (cont'd)*



- **Qualifying Activity personnel are populating QPD**
  - **DSPO and DODSSP are assisting with data entry, but only Qualifying Activities can validate and publish a qualification data set (QDS) in QPD**
  - **We are working on a special process to import qualification data from DSCC**





# *QA Training*



- **DSPO began conducting QA training session in fall of 2005**
  - **QAs learn QPD by entering some of their own QPLs into the database**
  - **Trainees return to their workplace able to finish the job of data entry**
- **Trainees provide helpful feedback for “tweaking” QPD to meet their needs**
  - **For example, what kind of reports would be helpful to them**



# *Implementation*



- **During transition period, there will be a mix of paper publications and data sets**
  - **As each QPL is updated, it will be converted to a Qualification Data Set (QDS)**
  - **If you search for a converted QPL in ASSIST, you will find a Transformation Notice, which will refer you to the specification requiring qualification**



# *Implementation*

## *(Continued)*



- **QPD users**
  - **Must have ASSIST Online account (easy to obtain)**
  - **User access is determined by user role**
    - **General users**: search by spec, part number, or mfr
    - **General users** may also have access to selected reports
    - **Qualifying Activities**: enter / validate new data, edit existing data, conduct searches, and publish reports
  - **Letter coming soon to DepSOs**
    - Requesting local QA administrator at each QA
- **Suppliers need CAGE codes (go to [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov))**



# *Status*



- **QPD is a work in progress**
  - Four NAVSEA QPLs online so far
  - 327 more QPLs have data entered against them but have not been published yet
- **QA training sessions are being held monthly**
- **QPD functionality is being “tweaked” based on feedback from QA trainees and other users**
  - Submit comments via “Feedback” function
- **Policy documents are under revision**



# *Summary*



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# *Questions?*



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- **Thanks for your interest in QPD!**