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International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) – Today & Tomorrow

IAQG Today

Launched in 1998 by the Primes of the Aerospace Industry, the IAQG has established an International platform with the purpose to implement initiatives that make significant improvements in Quality and cost reductions in the Aerospace industry Supply Chain.

There are more than 60 major aerospace industry companies participating in the IAQG, which is divided into 3 different geographical areas: the Americas (AAQG), Asia & Pacific (APAQG) and Europe (EAQG).

The IAQG has developed and implemented a global set of standards with common Aerospace Quality requirements (9100 series, based on ISO 9001), and standards / guidelines on best practices used in Aerospace industry to raise product integrity. A unique system of shared auditing and measuring was set up through an Industry Controlled Other Party (ICOP) scheme based on the Other party approval which uses a shared supplier approval database.

To date more than 7000 Suppliers - Sites are 9100 certified today through the ICOP system with a rate of more than 1500 new certifications during last year.

The IAQG has aligned its strategy with the aim to assure Customer Satisfaction through On-Time, On-Quality Delivery of products and services, throughout the product's lifecycle with 3 improvement strategy streams which deal with Requirements, People Capability and Supply Chain Management and a Relationship Growth stream which addresses relations with Civil Authorities, Space community and Defence stakeholders.

IAQG Tomorrow

Relying on its 3 improvement strategy streams the IAQG continues to develop new initiatives.

The **Requirements** stream will be revising 9100 incorporating ISO 9001:2009 changes and adding agreed upon new /revised requirements as deemed necessary. The **People Capability** stream is working on the development of people competency for many key personnel engaged in Supply Chain processes. The **Supply Chain Management** stream is defining the best practices of the Supply Chain main processes through a Management Handbook.

The **Relationship Growth strategy** will continue to develop IAQG relations with various key governmental agencies, regulatory agencies and Trade Associations.

IAQG is working together with the International civil airworthiness **Regulatory Agencies** to enable local design, production and certification with global acceptance. The **Defense** Relationship is coordinating with NATO and defense organizations to adopt simpler, common standards.

The **Space** Relationship is focusing on auditor training for unique space requirements for 9100 system certification. A new Relationship stream is developing relations with other Aviation industry **Trade Associations** whose purpose and objectives are common with those of the IAQG. IAQG is looking for cooperation with those Trade Associations with the aim of expediting the deployment of projects for the benefit of the whole industry.

The ICOP auditing system will continue to support the increase of Suppliers – Sites certification and is expected to obtain recognition by the Civil Authorities as a suitable .scheme for aerospace supplier certification.

The IAQG will continue focusing on delivering reduced cost, reduced risk and improved quality, which remains the primary goals of IAQG.