



Space product assurance

Quality assurance

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1 Scope

This Standard defines the quality assurance (QA) requirements for the establishment and implementation of a Quality Assurance programme for products of space projects.

Discipline related qualification activities are complemented in standards specific to those disciplines (e.g. ECSS-E-ST-32-01 for fracture control).

For software quality assurance, the software product assurance standard, ECSS-Q-ST-80 is applicable.

This Standard is applicable to all space projects.

This standard may be tailored for the specific characteristic and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

[For the tailoring of this standard the following information is provided:](#)

- [A table providing the pre-tailoring per “Product types” in clause 6](#)
- [A table providing the pre-tailoring per “Project phase” in Annex J](#)

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Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this ECSS Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revision of any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this ECSS Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the more recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

ECSS-S-ST-00-01	ECSS system - Glossary of terms
ECSS-Q-ST-10	Space product assurance - Product assurance management
ECSS-Q-ST-10-04	Space product assurance - Critical-item control
ECSS-Q-ST-10-09	Space product assurance - Nonconformance control system
EN 61340-5-1 (2007)	Electrostatics - Part 5-1: Protection of electronic devices from electrostatic phenomena - General requirements
ANSI-ESD S20.20-2007	Development of an Electrostatic Discharge Control Program for Protection of Electrical and Electronic Parts, Assemblies and Equipment

Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms from other standards

For the purpose of this Standard, the terms and definitions from ECSS-ST-00-01 apply, in particular for the following terms:

nonconformance

process

product assurance

quality assurance

[space system](#)

[space segment element](#)

[space segment sub-system](#)

[launch segment element](#)

[launch segment sub-system](#)

[ground segment element](#)

[ground segment sub-system](#)

[space segment equipment](#)

[launch segment equipment](#)

[ground segment equipment](#)

3.2 Terms specific to the present standard

3.2.1 ground support equipment (GSE)

optical, mechanical, fluidic, electrical and software support equipment or systems used for example for calibration, measurements, testing, simulation, transportation, and handling of space segment or of space segment elements

3.2.2 [inspectability](#)

[ability of an item of being inspected](#)

NOTE [Inspectability includes provisions for the followings aspects:](#)

- Definition of inspection including acceptance or rejection criteria, expressed in an unambiguous and quantified manner.
- Part and component accessibility for inspection
- Definition of tolerance methods for dimensional inspection performance (e.g. functional tolerances).

3.2.3 producibility

ability of an item of being producible

NOTE Producibility includes provisions for the following aspects:

- Design simplification and standardization, reduction in part types and part number.
- Guidelines for selection of preferred parts, materials and processes.
- Unambiguous definitions of the requirements and limits to be used.
- Definition of tolerance build-up methods, in order to simplify manufacturing, assembly, inspection.
- Standardization of interfaces.
- Part accessibility for assembly and inspection.
- Definition of design criteria consistent with the capability of manufacturing processes.
- Definition of design methods to ensure that the cleanliness requirements are compatible with the capability of related cleanliness procedures and facilities.

3.2.4 repeatability

ability to reproduce the performance and characteristics of an item

NOTE Repeatability includes provisions for the following aspects:

- Definition of standard tolerances generally applicable.
- Recommended design concepts and solutions to ensure repeatability.
- Recommended manufacturing processes having proven repeatability.
- Design criteria that optimize implementation of automated manufacturing methods, or computer-aided manufacturing

3.2.5 testability

ability of an item of being tested

NOTE Testability includes provisions for the followings aspects:

- Definition of test requirements, including acceptance or rejection criteria, expressed in an unambiguous and quantified manner.
- Part and component accessibility for test.
- Definition of recommended design techniques to facilitate fault detection, identification and location (e.g. test points, modularity, built-in test software, and feedback loops).

3.3 Abbreviated terms and symbols

For the purpose of this Standard, the abbreviated terms and symbols from ECSS-S-ST-00-01 and the following apply:

Abbreviation	Meaning
AIV	assembly, integration, verification
BB	breadboard
CI	configuration item
<u>CoC</u>	<u>certificate of confirmity</u>
DRB	delivery review board
	NOTE: DRB is synonymous to "Acceptance Review Board" (ARB) in ECSS-M-ST-10
DRD	document requirements definition
EEE	electrical, electronic, electromechanical
EGSE	electrical ground support equipment
EIDP	end item data package
FGSE	fluidic ground support equipment
FM	flight model
GSE	ground support equipment
MGSE	mechanical ground support equipment
MIP	mandatory inspection point
<u>NCR</u>	<u>nonconformance report</u>
NRB	nonconformance review board
OGSE	optical ground support equipment
PA	product assurance
PM	project manager
QA	quality assurance
QM	qualification model

RFD	request for deviation
RFW	request for waiver
TRB	test review board
TRR	test readiness review
<u>VCB</u>	<u>verification control board</u>
<u>VCD</u>	<u>verification control document</u>

3.4 Nomenclature

The following nomenclature apply throughout this document:

- a. The word “shall” is used in this standard to express requirements. All the requirements are expressed with the word “shall”.
- b. The word “should” is used in this standard to express recommendations. All the recommendations are expressed with the word “should”.

NOTE It is expected that, during tailoring, all the recommendations in this document are either converted into requirements or tailored out.

- c. The words “may” and “need not” are used in this standard to express positive and negative permissions respectively. All the positive permissions are expressed with the word “may”. All the negative permissions are expressed with the words “need not”.
- d. The word “can” is used in this standard to express capabilities or possibilities, and therefore, if not accompanied by one of the previous words, it implies descriptive text.

NOTE In ECSS “may” and “can” have a complete different meaning: “may” is normative (permission) and “can” is descriptive.

- e. The present and past tense are used in this standard to express statement of fact, and therefore they imply descriptive text.

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Quality assurance principles

4.1 QA management principles

The prime objective of Quality Assurance (QA) management is to ensure that a QA programme for projects covering mission definition, design, development and production of space systems is established, maintained and implemented.

All QA requirements are specified through definition and implementation of adequate methods and procedures.

Personnel whose performance determines or affects product quality are trained and certified in accordance with project needs.

4.2 General principles

The implementation of the following phase-independent activities is ensured by the QA function throughout the lead-time of projects:

- critical-items control
- nonconformance control
- alert management
- stamp control
- traceability
- metrology and calibration
- handling, storage and preservation
- statistical quality control (if required by the business agreement).

4.3 Design and verification principles

The objective of the QA function is to ensure that:

- a. a set of design rules and methods has been set up and is consistent with the project techniques and technologies;
- b. methods, procedures and tools have been defined and are implemented in order to prove that each applicable requirement is verified through one or more of the following methods: analysis, inspection, test, review of design, audits;
- c. the design is producible and repeatable and that the resulting product can be verified and operated within the required operating limits;

- d. design and verification activities are planned in a consistent and logical way;
- e. the verification process is complete and includes clear test, test model and verification logic;
- f. a defined qualification approach is implemented to demonstrate that the item performs satisfactorily in the intended environment.

4.4 Procurement principles

All procurement activities including selection of procurement sources, procurement documents, procurement source surveillance and receiving inspection are controlled to ensure that all procured items and services conform to requirements.

4.5 Manufacturing, assembly and integration principles

All manufacturing, assembly and integration operations are planned and performed in coordination with inspections and tests to ensure that the deliverables are built, assembled and integrated to the approved configuration baseline.

Special processes and new technologies are identified in a timely manner and adequate evaluation or qualification activities should be implemented in line with the overall schedule.

4.6 Testing principles

Test facilities and test equipment are validated prior to their use to ensure conformance to project requirements.

All tests are performed in accordance with documented and released procedures and results are comprehensively recorded.

4.7 Acceptance and delivery principles

The objective is to ensure that an acceptance and delivery process is implemented which allows demonstrating and documenting the conformance of the delivered item.

4.8 GSE principles

Design, production, delivery and maintenance requirements for GSE are defined and implemented allowing for testability, availability, safety, life duration, operability and ability to interface as necessary with space segment in a safe way.

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Quality assurance requirements

5.1 QA management requirements

5.1.1 Quality assurance plan

- a. The supplier shall prepare, maintain and implement a QA plan in conformance with the DRD in Annex A.
- b. The QA plan shall be submitted to the customer for approval.

NOTE Information on the schedule for delivery of the QA plan is given in Annex I.

5.1.2 Personnel training and certification

- a. The supplier shall establish a documented training programme for the personnel whose performance determines or affects product quality.
- b. Personnel performing [or evaluating](#) special processes shall be trained and certified [according to standards accepted by the customer](#).

NOTE The term “special process” is defined in ECSS-S-ST-00-01.

- c. [Personnel performing non-destructive testing and evaluation shall be trained and certified according to standards accepted by the customer](#).
- d. The supplier shall maintain records of the training.

5.2 QA general requirements

5.2.1 Critical-items control

- a. The supplier shall implement Critical-items control in conformance with ECSS-Q-ST-10-04.

5.2.2 Nonconformance control system

- a. The supplier shall implement a nonconformance control system in conformance with ECSS-Q-ST-10-09.

5.2.3 Management of alerts

- a. The supplier shall manage alerts in conformance with ECSS-Q-ST-10, clause 5.2.9.

5.2.4 Acceptance authority media

- a. The supplier shall establish and maintain a documented acceptance authority media control system to ensure the correct and legitimate use of all fabrication and inspection authority media.
- b. Acceptance authority media shall be used to:
 1. signify the completion of operations and processes, and
 2. indicate inspection performance at source and incoming inspection, in process inspection and tests, final inspection, end point testing, storage and shipment.
- c. The use of acceptance authority media shall be restricted to authorized personnel as identified in the acceptance authority media control system.
- d. Acceptance authority media shall be traceable to individuals responsible for their use.
- e. Acceptance authority media shall be applied directly to parts and materials, when specified by engineering drawings and specifications, and associated documents, records, labels.
- f. Acceptance authority media materials and methods shall be compatible with the articles and their use.

NOTE Acceptance authority media include stamps and signatures as defined in EN9100.
- g. <<deleted>>

5.2.5 Traceability

- a. The supplier shall ensure that a bidirectional and unequivocal relationship between parts, materials or products and associated documentation or records is established and maintained.
- b. The supplier shall be capable to trace data, personnel and equipment related to procurement, manufacturing, inspection, test, assembly, integration and operations activities.
- c. The supplier shall be capable to trace backward the locations of materials, parts, sub-assemblies.
- d. The supplier shall be capable to trace forward the locations of materials from raw stock.
- e. The supplier shall establish controls to ensure that:
 1. identification numbers are assigned in a systematic manner,
 2. identification numbers of scrapped or destroyed items are not used again,

3. identification numbers, once allocated, are not changed, unless the change is authorized by the customer.

NOTE Requirements for identification are addressed in ECSS-M-ST-40.

5.2.6 Metrology and calibration

- a. The supplier shall control, calibrate and maintain inspection, measuring and test equipment, whether owned by the supplier, on loan, or provided by the customer to demonstrate the conformance of product to the specified requirements.
- b. The supplier shall use equipment in a manner which ensures that measurement uncertainty is known and is consistent with the specified measurement capability.
- c. The supplier shall include in the calculations of all measurements the total error in the measurement process attributable to the cumulative error from the calibration chain, measuring equipment and those contributed by personnel, procedures and the environment.
- d. The supplier shall record the basis for the calculation of the cumulative errors as specified in requirement 5.2.6c.
- e. The supplier shall select inspection, measuring and test equipment in conformance with the required measurement accuracy and precision.
- f. The supplier shall identify, calibrate and adjust all inspection, measuring and test equipment and devices that can affect product quality at prescribed intervals, or prior to use, against certified equipment.
- g. The supplier shall establish, document and maintain calibration procedures, including details of equipment type, identification number, location, frequency of checks, check method, acceptance criteria and the action to be taken when results exceed the specified accuracy.
- h. The supplier shall ensure that the inspection, measuring and test equipment is capable of the specified accuracy and precision.
- i. The supplier shall identify inspection, measuring and test equipment with a suitable indicator or approved identification record to show the calibration status.
- j. The supplier shall maintain calibration records for inspection, measuring and test equipment.
- k. The supplier shall assess and document the validity of previous inspection and test results when inspection, measuring or test equipment is found to be out of calibration.
- l. The supplier shall ensure that the environmental conditions are suitable for the calibrations, inspections, measurements and tests being carried out.
- m. The supplier shall ensure that inspection, measuring and test facilities, including both test hardware and test software are protected against adjustments, which can invalidate the calibration setting.

- n. The supplier shall ensure that the inspection, measuring and test equipment is handled, preserved and stored such that the accuracy and fitness for use is maintained.
- o. The supplier shall check the test hardware or test software used for inspection to prove that it is capable of verifying the acceptability of the product prior to release for use during production and installation, and recheck it at specified intervals.
- NOTE 1 Examples of test hardware are: jigs, fixtures, templates and patterns.
- NOTE 2 Test aids such as test leads, break-out boxes, mains leads and similar items are not subject to the entire set of requirements defined in this clause, but are validated in a way appropriate to their usage.
- p. The supplier shall establish the extent and frequency of such checks and shall maintain records as evidence of control.
- q. The supplier shall make the measurement design data available to the customer upon request.

5.2.7 Handling, storage and preservation

5.2.7.1 Handling

- a. The supplier shall prevent handling damage during all phases of manufacturing, assembly, integration, testing, storage, transportation and operation.

- NOTE Possible prevention measures are:
- protection of items during handling,
 - handling devices, or
 - procedures and instructions.

5.2.7.2 Storage

- a. The supplier shall place the following items in secure storage areas:
1. incoming materials,
 2. intermediate items needing temporary storage, and
 3. end items before shipping.

NOTE [Security of the storage is defined according to specific customer requirements.](#)

- b. The supplier shall place the following items in designated segregated areas:
1. limited life materials,
 2. suspended limited life materials,
 3. nonconforming items awaiting NRB disposition,

4. scrapped items,
 5. items designated to be stored separately for health or safety reasons.
- c. Each segregated area shall be identified and labelled for its intended use.
 - d. The supplier shall maintain control over acceptance into and withdrawal from storage areas.
 - e. The supplier shall maintain records to ensure that all stored items are within the usable life limits, controlled and retested, and to provide traceability within the storage or segregated area.
 - f. The supplier shall ensure that no deterioration, damage or unexpected performance degradation occur to stored items due to storage conditions.

5.2.7.3 Preservation

- a. The supplier shall ensure that items subject to deterioration, corrosion or contamination through exposure to any environmental elements are preserved by methods that ensure maximum protection consistent with life and usage.

NOTE Examples of such environmental elements are:
air and moisture.

5.2.8 Statistical quality control and analysis

5.2.8.1 General

- a. Statistical quality control and analysis methods shall be used to maintain or improve the specified control of quality, when statistically significant with respect to the product characteristics and to quantities produced.

NOTE Examples of statistical quality control and analysis methods are sample inspection plans, determination of quality levels, statistical process control and process capabilities studies.

- b. When employing statistical quality control and analysis methods, the supplier shall ensure that all the conditions for use are enforced.

NOTE Example of such conditions are sample significance, recording and elaboration of data, and formulation of clear decision rules.

- c. Statistical quality control applications, when used by the supplier for acceptance of materials, parts, processes and products, shall be submitted to the customer for approval.

5.2.8.2 Sampling plans

- a. When sampling plans are used the supplier shall define and justify the following:

1. sample size, sample selection methods and criteria for inspection severity,
 2. acceptance / rejection criteria, and
 3. screening of rejected lots.
- b. The supplier shall maintain records of the sampling tests, together with the identification of the characteristics to which sampling is applied.

5.3 QA requirements for design and verification

5.3.1 Design rules

5.3.1.1 Producibility

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the product is designed such that it can be produced with the specified level of quality.

5.3.1.2 Repeatability

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the product is designed such that its performances and characteristics can be reproduced over different models and serial production.

5.3.1.3 Inspectability and testability

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the product is designed such that it can be inspected and tested under representative conditions, for production, AIV and operational environment.

5.3.1.4 Operability

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the product is designed such that it can be operated in accordance with programme constraints and requirements, throughout its whole life cycle including handling, storage, transportation, integration and operations.

5.3.2 Verification

5.3.2.1 General

- a. The supplier shall ensure that requirement verification is performed progressively, as each stage of the project is completed, and provides the organized base of data upon which qualification and acceptance is incrementally declared.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that top-down requirement allocations and bottom-up requirement verifications are complete and consistent.

- c. The supplier shall ensure that a system for tracking requirements and verification of results is established and maintained during the whole project life cycle.
- d. The supplier shall ensure that verification methods are adequate and consistent with the type and criticality of the requirements.
- e. The supplier shall ensure that appropriate reference to the verification documentation is recorded and status updated at project reviews up to final acceptance.

5.3.2.2 Design verification analysis

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the objectives of the analysis are defined in relation with the development logic defined in the verification plan.
- b. The following items shall be identified:
 1. reference of the configuration item definition under analysis;
 2. environmental constraints considered in the analysis;
 3. basic assumptions, analysis methods, mathematical models.

5.3.2.3 Design reviews

- a. The supplier shall ensure that design reviews are conducted in accordance with project requirements and written procedures.

NOTE Design reviews address the following items:

- Quality requirements and criteria for design, [producibility](#), repeatability, testability and operability are adequately considered in design documentation.
- Methods and data required for procurement, manufacturing, inspection and test are available and validated.
- Risks of not achieving requirements are highlighted and adequately controlled.

5.3.2.4 Qualification process

5.3.2.4.1 Qualification

- a. The supplier shall ensure that all configuration items and their constituent items, either off-the-shelf or specifically designed, are properly qualified with margins commensurate with the application and use environment.

[NOTE For equipment with heritage, an Equipment Qualification Status Review can be organised to assess qualification status.](#)

- b. The supplier QA shall review and approve the qualification plan.

NOTE [The qualification plan is a subset of the VCD as defined in ECSS-E-ST-10-02.](#)

- c. The supplier QA shall review and approve the qualification results.

NOTE [Qualification results are a subset of Verification Control Document \(VCD\) as defined in ECSS-E-ST-10-02.](#)

- d. The supplier QA manager shall ensure that a Verification Control Board (VCB) is established to monitor the qualification process.

NOTE [Verification Control Board \(VCB\) is defined in ECSS-E-ST-10-02.](#)

5.3.2.4.2 Qualification by similarity

- a. Qualification by similarity with an identical or similar product shall be justified by providing evidence that the new application is within the limits of the previously qualified design.
- b. Any difference in definition with respect to the reference product and any difference in the required qualification tests shall be identified.
- c. The need for complementary qualification tests shall be analysed and the decision justified and submitted to the customer for approval.
- d. For this purpose the supplier shall:
1. evaluate the as-designed or as-built configuration and related nonconformances,
 2. ensure that qualification requirements and qualification ranges are compatible with project requirements,
 3. ensure that qualification test results meet the requirements and any nonconformances are available for evaluation, and
 4. ensure that a logbook of the selected model is available for review.

5.3.2.4.3 Qualification testing

- a. The product used for qualification testing shall be produced in accordance with a full and clearly identified manufacturing and inspection file.
- b. To obtain authorization to initiate qualification tests the supplier shall demonstrate that:
1. the qualification model is fully representative of the flight model and any differences have been analysed to evaluate their effect on the qualification status;
 2. inspection and test requirements are expressed in an unambiguous and quantified manner including:
 - (a) test sequence;
 - (b) test conditions;
 - (c) test standards, if any;
 - (d) applicable test levels, durations and tolerances;
 - (e) accuracy in measurement.

3. the qualification test procedures and facilities are defined, available and conforming to requirements of clause 5.5.11b.

5.3.2.4.4 Qualification status

- a. The supplier shall report the qualification status in conformance with the “Qualification status list” DRD as defined in ECSS-Q-ST-10.

5.3.2.4.5 Maintenance of qualification

- a. Once the design is qualified, the supplier shall assess all subsequent changes, deviations and anomalies for their impact on the qualification status and shall perform requalification as necessary.

5.3.2.5 Design changes

- a. The supplier shall ensure that all design changes and modifications are identified, documented, reviewed and approved before their implementation.

5.4 QA requirements for procurement

5.4.1 Selection of procurement sources

5.4.1.1 General

- a. The supplier QA shall participate in the approval and the selection of procurement sources.

NOTE The selection of procurement sources for EEE components is defined in ECSS-Q-ST-60.

5.4.1.2 Selection criteria

- a. The supplier shall select its suppliers on the basis of one of the following criteria:
 1. The supplier has been certified by the final customer, and has a current approval to furnish items or services of the type and quality level being procured.
 2. The supplier is furnishing, or has furnished within the past two years, items or services of the type and quality level being procured under other contracts with the final customer.
 3. The supplier has demonstrated continuous capability to furnish items or services of the type and quality level being procured, supported by objective documentation.
 4. Supplier’s capability of satisfying business agreement requirements is demonstrated by a pre-award audit by the relevant customer.

NOTE 1 NOTE to item 1:Third party certification (for instance against ISO 9001) can be also considered.

NOTE 2 NOTE to item 3: This criterion does not apply if the supplier has not furnished items or services of the type being procured for more than two years.

- b. The supplier shall document and maintain on file results of supplier selection process.

5.4.1.3 Record and list of procurement sources

- a. The supplier shall establish and maintain records of all procurement sources involved in business agreement performance.
- b. The supplier shall submit to the customer, upon request, the list of procurement sources, including all the information in the records 5.4.1.3a, for information.

5.4.2 Procurement documents

- a. The supplier shall ensure that supplies are identified and that all applicable requirements are defined in the procurement documents.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that requirements to those contained in lower tier procurement documents are traceable.
- c. The procurement documents shall contain, by statement or reference:
 - 1. comprehensive technical descriptions of the items and services to be procured,
 - 2. details of the applicable requirements, such as requirements for preservation, packaging, marking, shipping, accompanying documentation and provisions for limited-life items,
 - 3. details of QA activities to be performed, such as inspection and test characteristics, records and reports,
 - 4. details of supplier's QA activities at source, and
 - 5. special acceptance conditions.
- d. The supplier's quality assurance organization shall review procurement documents prior to release, to verify the correct selection of procurement sources and appropriateness of their content.

5.4.3 Surveillance of procurement sources

- a. The supplier shall exercise surveillance over all the activities carried out by lower level suppliers during business agreement performance.
- b. The surveillance programme shall address audits, reviews, mandatory inspection points, as well as direct supervision by supplier's resident personnel at his suppliers' facilities and source inspection.

NOTE Example of review is the manufacturing readiness review.

- c. The supplier shall define the type and extent of surveillance [by reviewing the following criteria](#):
1. Testing or inspections cannot be accomplished by the supplier.
 2. Verification tests are destructive in nature and the quality cannot be verified solely by inspection or test at supplier's facility.
 3. Supplies are designated for direct shipment from source to a customer site or the using site.
 4. Manufacturing and AIV of complex equipment or subsystems.
 5. Past performance or quality history of the lower level supplier is marginal.
 6. Functional criticality and technical complexity of the supplies.
 7. The degree of responsibility placed on the procurement source.
- [NOTE 1 Examples for item 1: environments or test equipment not available at supplier's facility.](#)
- [NOTE 2 Example for item 4: payloads.](#)
- d. The supplier shall ensure that each of his suppliers implements surveillance on their lower level suppliers, in accordance with the same criteria.
- e. Surveillance may be delegated by the customer to third parties.

5.4.4 Receiving inspection

5.4.4.1 General

- a. The supplier shall ensure that all incoming supplies, including documentation and packaging, whether delivered on his own premises or elsewhere, conform to the requirements of the procurement documents.
- b. The supplier shall perform inspections in accordance with established procedures and instructions, to ensure that quality level is properly determined.
- NOTE 1 Sampling plans in receiving inspection are defined in 5.2.8.2.
- NOTE 2 Receiving inspection of components is defined in ECSS-Q-ST-60.
- NOTE 3 Lot or batch acceptance of materials and mechanical parts is defined in ECSS-Q-ST-70.
- c. Receiving inspectors shall have available the procurement documents, specifications, drawings and any other document relevant to incoming supplies as required in the procurement documents.

5.4.4.2 Receiving inspection activities

- a. Receiving inspection activities shall include:
 1. verification of the packaging conditions and of the status of environmental sensors,
 2. visual inspection of the delivered items,
 3. verification of correct identification and, where appropriate, configuration identification for conformance to the ordering data,
 4. verification of the evidence of inspection and tests performed by the supplier and associated documentation,
 5. verification of the performance of supplier's source inspection, when required,
 6. performance of inspections and tests on selected characteristics of incoming supplies or test specimens submitted with the supplies,
 7. identification of the shelf life of limited-life items,
 8. identification of the inspection status and physical separation of the supplies in the receiving inspection area according to the following categories:
 - (a) items for which the receiving inspection has not been completed;
 - (b) conforming items;
 - (c) nonconforming items.
 9. prevention of unauthorized use of uninspected items,
 10. identification of the items to be released for production with conformance status and traceability data to be recorded in manufacturing documents,
 11. maintenance of receiving inspection records in conformance with 5.4.4.4.

5.4.4.3 Customer furnished items

- a. Receiving inspection of items supplied by the customer shall consist of the verification of identity and integrity after transportation.

NOTE Additional inspections and tests, if any, are specified in the business agreement.

5.4.4.4 Receiving inspection records

- a. The supplier shall maintain receiving inspection records to ensure traceability and the availability of historical data to monitor supplier performance and quality trends.

5.5 QA requirements for manufacturing, assembly and integration

5.5.1 Planning of manufacturing, assembly and integration activities and associated documents

- a. The supplier shall document the planning of manufacturing, assembly and integration operations and inspections in the manufacturing plan or flow chart for the product, including the sequence of operations and associated inspections and tests.
- b. The planning shall include the identification of MIPs in conformance with 5.5.8, together with the reference to the procedures by which the various activities are performed and the required cleanliness levels and temperature and humidity requirements of the facilities.
- c. Instructions shall direct the actual performance of manufacturing, assembly and integration operations and inspections, to ensure that the activities proceed in an orderly manner and according to the planned sequence.

NOTE For example: shop travellers.

- d. The supplier shall issue and maintain manufacturing, assembly, integration and inspection documents in accordance with established and released procedures.
- e. The QA organization shall review and approve such documents, and any modifications thereof, to ensure that they include or refer to:
 1. Identification of the item to be manufactured or equipment to be used.
 2. Configuration data, including parts lists, drawings, changes and specifications.
 3. Identification of the production and inspection equipment to be used for the manufacturing, assembly and integration of the item.
 4. Identification of critical characteristics.
 5. Detailed definition, by description or reference, of manufacturing, assembly, integration, inspections and test operations to be performed, and special conditions to be maintained.
 6. Provisions for inspections and tests to be witnessed by customer representative.
 7. Accept or reject criteria (with tolerances) and workmanship standards.
 8. Details of sampling inspection procedures to be used, if any.
 9. Detailed procedures for the activities to be performed.

NOTE 1 Examples for item 3, of production and inspection equipment are tools, jigs and fixtures.

NOTE 2 Critical characteristics, for item 4, are defined in ECSS-Q-ST-30.

- f. Only “first off” shop travellers shall be reviewed unless subsequent travellers incorporate a significant change of inspection requirements or order of events.
- g. The supplier shall also provide for detail support documents and instructions, such as drawings, procedure and instruction sheets, to enable operations to be correctly performed.

5.5.2 Manufacturing readiness reviews

- a. The supplier shall perform a review of the readiness for manufacturing, prior to starting the manufacture of the first flight-standard product.
- b. The manufacturing readiness review shall evaluate the following aspects:
 - 1. status of product definition and requirements, differences with the status of the qualification model, and impacts of these differences;
 - 2. status of manufacturing, assembly, inspection and test documentation, differences with the status of the qualification model, and impacts of these differences;
 - 3. verification status of manufacturing processes
 - 4. implementation of dispositions for risk reduction, as defined by risk assessment, into the manufacturing, assembly, integration, inspection and test procedures;
 - 5. availability of personnel and of specified materials and parts, production, measuring and inspection equipment, and calibration status, when relevant;
 - 6. cleanliness of facilities, with respect to the specified cleanliness levels;
 - 7. facility temperature and humidity with respect to requirements.

5.5.3 Control of processes

5.5.3.1 General

- a. The supplier shall monitor all processes used for manufacturing, assembly and integration, and enforce all applicable process requirements.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that all manufacturing processes are covered by documented process specifications or standards.

NOTE The definition of manufacturing process specifications is given in ECSS-Q-ST-70.

- c. Process specifications shall include QA provisions, methods for inspection and test, number of samples, accept or reject criteria.
- d. Process witness samples shall be stored in controlled conditions.

5.5.3.2 Special processes

- a. The supplier shall establish and implement procedures and controls for special processes, to ensure that:
 1. Special processes are validated for the intended application.
 2. [Personnel who perform or inspect special processes are trained and certified according to requirements 5.1.2b and 5.1.2c](#)
 3. Materials, equipment, computer systems and software, and procedures involved in the performance of the special process are validated and monitored.
 4. Coordination is maintained with the cognizant engineering function to ensure proper selection of the non-destructive or destructive methods for the evaluation of process performance.

NOTE [Validation of special processes, as mentioned in item 1, is defined in ECSS-Q-ST-70.](#)

5.5.3.3 Statistical process control

- a. Statistical methods for process control should be used for early detection of significant variations in manufacturing processes, in order to determine, analyse and eliminate the causes of undesirable variations.

5.5.4 Workmanship standards

- a. The supplier shall employ workmanship standards throughout all phases of manufacturing, assembly and integration, to ensure acceptable and consistent workmanship quality levels.
- b. Workmanship standards shall identify acceptance or rejection criteria.
- c. Physical samples or visual aids shall be reviewed and agreed by the customer when they are used for the purpose of acceptance or rejection of items.

5.5.5 Materials and parts control

- a. The supplier shall ensure that only conforming items are released and used, and that those not required for the operation involved are removed from work operation areas.
- b. Items having limited-life or definite characteristics of quality degradation or drift with age or use shall be marked to indicate the dates, test times or cycles at which life was initiated and at which the useful life expires.
- c. Sensitive items shall be processed or manufactured, inspected and tested in a controlled environment to prevent any degradation.

5.5.6 Equipment control

5.5.6.1 Tooling

- a. The supplier shall make provisions for accountability, identification and maintenance of manufacture, assembly and integration tooling.
- b. Manufacture, assembly and integration tooling shall be checked for its dimensional accuracy, regarding the product drawings, and correct function.
- c. The QA organization shall approve tooling prior to use.
- d. The approval shall be [marked](#) in conformance with 5.2.4, and recorded.
- e. Tools shall be checked for accuracy during the production life at adequate intervals.
- f. Tools shall be submitted to re-approval following modification.
- g. Tools shall be properly stored to prevent misuse, damage and deterioration.
- h. Unnecessary tools shall be removed from working areas.
- i. Records shall be kept of all manufacturing equipment.

5.5.6.2 Equipment for computer-aided manufacturing

- a. The supplier shall ensure that computer-aided techniques and data for processing and machining are validated prior to use and controlled during their use in manufacturing.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that provisions are made for the testing, approval and configuration control of the software involved and prevention of its being tampered with.

5.5.7 Cleanliness and contamination control

5.5.7.1 General

- a. The supplier shall establish controls for cleanliness of spacecraft hardware and facilities, and the limitation of sources of contamination.

NOTE Cleanliness and contamination control methods
 and processes are detailed in ECSS-Q-ST-70-01.

5.5.7.2 Cleanliness levels

- a. Contamination-sensitive items shall be cleaned, controlled and maintained to the required cleanliness levels.
- b. The required cleanliness levels for all levels of flight hardware shall be indicated on drawings, specifications, procedures, or other documents controlling the manufacture, assembly, integration and test of the items.

5.5.7.3 Cleaning materials and methods

- a. The supplier shall develop detailed methods for attaining the cleanliness levels specified for the hardware.

5.5.7.4 Contamination control

- a. Contamination shall be minimized by operating in clean working areas and by proper handling, preservation, packaging and storage.
- b. Contamination-sensitive items fabricated or processed in contamination-controlled environments shall be inspected, tested, modified or repaired in identical or cleaner environments, unless specific precautions are taken to protect the items concerned from contamination.
- c. Specific protection measures, such as protective dust covers, shall be implemented to protect contamination-sensitive items when they are integrated in a higher level of assembly.

5.5.7.5 Cleanliness of facilities

- a. Fabrication, assembly and integration of contamination sensitive items shall be conducted in facilities that provide cleanliness levels compatible with the specified product cleanliness.

5.5.8 Inspection

- a. Inspection and tests shall be planned at the points of the manufacturing, assembly and integration flow where maximum assurance for correct processing and prevention of unrecoverable or costly nonconformances can be obtained.
- b. All identified critical characteristics shall be inspected as defined in the critical-item control programme.
- c. Self-inspection by the operators performing the associated manufacturing, assembly and integration activities shall not be considered sufficient for critical characteristics.
- d. Among the inspections and tests as part of the manufacturing, assembly and integration flow, mandatory inspection points (MIPs) shall be performed with participation of the customer.
- e. MIPs shall be agreed with the customer [on the basis of a list prepared by the supplier](#).

NOTE This list may be part of another deliverable document.

- f. MIPs shall be selected in accordance with the criteria as defined below, when one or more of the following conditions apply:
 1. When maximum visibility of quality is given.
 2. When critical processes are performed.
 3. Where the next step of the manufacturing sequence:
 - (a) is irreversible, or

- (b) makes the item difficult and costly to disassemble for inspection, or
 - (c) renders the location inaccessible for inspection.
4. When the item, once installed in the next higher assembly damages by its failure the higher assembly.
 5. When previous failure history of the item indicates a need for inspection.
 6. When a potential adverse impact on the properties and integrity of the end product could result, owing to the criticality or complexity of the manufacturing step.
 7. When testing or critical inspections cannot be accomplished by the supplier.
 - NOTE For example, environments or test equipment not available at supplier's facility.
 8. When verification tests are destructive in nature and the quality cannot be verified solely by inspection or test at the supplier's facility.
 9. When manufacturing and AIV of complex equipment or subsystems is planned.
 - NOTE For example, for payloads.
 10. When past performance or quality history of the lower level supplier is marginal.
 11. When an item is going to final inspection.
- g. Criteria 5.5.8f.7 to 10 shall be considered together with the criticality and complexity of the supplies and the supplier's experience with the lower level supplier.
 - h. A MIP shall require an invitation with the agreed notice before the event, and the participation of the customer, or their written agreement to proceed without their participation.
 - i. The supplier shall make provisions for a positive identification of the inspection and test status of any items at any stage of the manufacturing, assembly and integration cycle, starting from the incoming inspection up to shipping of the end item.
 - j. MIP information shall include as a minimum:
 1. Purpose and subject of the inspections,
 2. Criteria for the selection,
 3. Notification period,
 4. MIP identifier,
 5. MIP description,
 6. Reference of procedures necessary to perform the MIP, and
 7. MIP location in the manufacturing and Inspection flow chart or the AIV flow chart.

5.5.9 Specific requirements for assembly and integration

5.5.9.1 Control of temporary installations and removals

- a. The supplier shall ensure the control of flight items which are temporarily removed or non-flight items which are temporarily installed to facilitate assembly, integration, testing, handling or preservation of the end item.
- b. The control shall be initiated upon installation or removal of the first temporarily installed or removed item and be maintained through delivery and use of the end item.
- c. The supplier shall establish and maintain records of temporary installations and removals.
- d. Temporarily installed items shall be accounted for to prevent their being incorporated in the final flight configuration.

NOTE Temporary installations and removals are also called respectively, red tag items and green tag items.

5.5.9.2 Logbooks

- a. The supplier shall prepare and maintain system, subsystem and equipment logbooks in conformance with the DRD in Annex C for all operations and tests performed on the item.
- b. Equipment logbooks shall start with the first test after assembly.
- c. Subsystem and system logbooks shall follow-on from the individual equipment logbooks to form a full record.
- d. The logbook shall accompany the hardware whenever it is placed in the custody of another organization
- e. The receiving organization shall maintain the logbook up-to-date.

5.5.10 Manufacturing, assembly and integration records

- a. The supplier shall establish and maintain manufacturing, assembly and integration records to provide all manufacturing, assembly, integration and inspection data required for traceability.

5.5.11 Electrostatic discharge control (ESD)

- a. The supplier shall establish and maintain an ESD protection programme during the design, manufacture, test and storage/transport of flight hardware.
- b. The supplier shall provide an ESD control plan in conformance with EN 61340-5-1 or ANSI-ESD S20.20.

NOTE ANSI-ESD S20.20 is the US equivalent of EN 61340-5-1.

5.6 QA requirements for testing

5.6.1 Test facilities

- a. The supplier shall ensure that test facilities, either internal or external, conform to specified requirements.

5.6.2 Test equipment

- a. The supplier shall ensure that computer-aided testing techniques and data are validated prior to use and controlled during their use in testing.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that provisions are made for testing, approval and configuration control of the software involved and prevention of its being tampered with.
- c. The supplier shall ensure that test equipment are designed such that their correct operation can be verified without having to apply them to the test item.

5.6.3 Test documentation

5.6.3.1 Test procedures

- a. The supplier shall ensure that tests are performed in accordance with documented procedures.

[NOTE Test procedure DRDs are defined in ECSS-E-ST-10-03.](#)

- b. The QA organization shall review and approve test procedures.

5.6.3.2 Test reports

- a. The supplier shall ensure that all tests are comprehensively documented in test reports, and that they include, as a minimum:
 - 1. reference to the applicable test procedure, and description of the deviations from it during the actual testing,
 - 2. test data records and evaluation, and
 - 3. summary of test results.
- b. The QA organization shall review and approve test reports.

5.6.4 Test performance monitoring

- a. On the basis of an analysis of the test plan, the QA organization shall define within the test plan the way to monitor the performance of test activities, to ensure the adherence to the test procedures, and that any deviations are properly documented and treated.

- b. Test witnessing by QA personnel shall be considered when manual intervention is performed, at the setting-up, start and end of continuous fully automated test sequences, or when no automatic recording of test parameters or results is available.
- c. All testing activities related to critical characteristics as identified in the critical-items control programme shall be [verified by QA](#).
- d. Self-[verification](#) by the operators performing the test activities shall not be considered sufficient for critical characteristics.
- e. Testing activities or results to be subject to QA [verification](#) shall be identified as such in the relevant test procedure.
- f. Testing shall be subject to the requirements for the control of hazardous operations.

NOTE Definition of hazardous operations is given in ECSS-Q-ST-40.

- g. Where safety of personnel or damage to items or associated test equipment is possible, QA personnel shall have the authority to stop the test.

5.6.5 Test reviews

- a. The supplier shall ensure that reviews are performed before and after [defined points during](#) qualification or acceptance tests.

NOTE 1 [Test Reviews are defined in ECSS-E-ST-10-03](#).

NOTE 2 [Reviews before tests are called Test Readiness Reviews and reviews after tests are called Post Test Reviews or Test Review Boards](#).

- b. The QA organization shall be represented in the formal boards established for the review of readiness for testing and testing accomplishment.

5.7 QA requirements for acceptance and delivery

5.7.1 Acceptance and delivery process

- a. The supplier shall establish a formal acceptance process for all deliverable items, at any contractual level, to ensure that conformance of the items to be delivered is fully assessed and documented.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that the preparation of the items for delivery and the physical delivery itself are performed in such a way that degradation is prevented.

5.7.2 End item data package

- a. The supplier shall provide an EIDP for each deliverable end item in conformance with the DRD in Annex B.
- b. The EIDP shall constitute the basis for formal acceptance reviews.
- c. EIDPs shall be maintained and integrated into higher level EIDPs during subsystem or system integration and testing.

5.7.3 Delivery review board (DRB)

- a. The supplier shall ensure that a DRB is convened prior to the delivery of equipment, separately assembled subsystems, test equipment or handling equipment for higher level activities.
- b. The DRB functions at system level shall be fulfilled by the final acceptance review and chaired by the customer.
- c. The DRB shall be composed, at least, of the following members:
 1. Representatives of the receiving organization:
 - (a) Project manager, or authorized representative, as chairman;
 - (b) PA manager, or authorized representative;
 - (c) Engineering or design manager, or authorized representative.
 2. Submitting supplier's representatives:
 - (a) Project manager, or authorized representative;
 - (b) PA manager, or authorized representative;
 - (c) Engineering or design manager, or authorized representative.
 3. Higher level customers' representative(s), as observers (not required for separate subsystems).
- d. If the final customer reserves the right to attend DRBs at any lower level as an observer, he shall be given due notice of such a DRB meeting.
- e. The DRB shall be responsible for authorising the shipment of the items under acceptance, and certifying in writing that:
 1. the items conform to the contractual requirements and to an approved design configuration;
 2. the items are free from material and workmanship deficiencies;
 3. all nonconformances are closed-out, or corresponding plans, compatible with the delivery, are accepted;
 4. the relevant EIDP is complete and accurate.
- f. Delivery shall only be authorized by the unanimous agreement of the DRB members.
- g. For the delivery a certificate of conformity, in conformance with Annex D, shall be made available and signed by the supplier.

NOTE Certificate of Conformity is also known as Declaration of Conformity.

5.7.4 Preparation for delivery

5.7.4.1 Packaging

- a. The supplier shall ensure that packaging materials, methods, procedures and instructions provide for protection of items while at the supplier's plant, during transportation, and after their arrival at destination.

5.7.4.2 Marking and labelling

- a. The supplier shall ensure that appropriate marking and labelling for packaging, storage, transportation and shipping of items are performed in accordance with the applicable specifications.

5.7.5 Delivery

5.7.5.1 Shipping control

- a. The supplier shall ensure that the items to be shipped from his plant are inspected before release and found to be complete, adequately preserved and packaged, correctly marked and accompanied by all the required documentation.
- b. Accompanying documentation shall include the EIDP and, attached to the outside of the shipping container, the handling and packing or unpacking procedure and any relevant safety procedures.

5.7.5.2 Transportation

- a. The supplier shall make provisions for the prevention of damage to items during transportation.

5.8 QA requirements for ground support equipment (GSE)

5.8.1 Design, development and verification

- a. The supplier shall ensure that internal design and verification standards are used or developed corresponding with the techniques to be used and fitting with the level of complexity of the items to be developed.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that development risks are identified and appropriate back-up solutions are identified.
- c. The supplier shall ensure that the verification method and process are tailored to the:

1. [complexity of the item to be verified;](#)
2. [criticality of the function to be implemented by the GSE item;](#)
3. [inherent criticality of the item itself.](#)

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5.8.2 Configuration control

- a. The supplier shall ensure that GSE is configuration controlled.

5.8.3 Production

5.8.3.1 Procurement

- a. The supplier shall ensure that selected GSE suppliers have a demonstrated ability to conform to requirements, through:
 1. previous supply of items similar or more complex in the same field of techniques and technologies,
 2. certification covering similar design, development and production as applicable for similar items in conformance with 5.4.1.2, or
 3. evidence, documented by existing design, development, production and quality standards, of having similar experience associated with known success.
- b. Procurement documents shall identify validation and receiving inspection requirements, and conform to the requirements in clause 5.4.2.

5.8.3.2 Manufacturing, assembly, integration and test

- a. The supplier and his lower level suppliers should not deviate from their standard practices when these are already documented and recognized for similar items.

5.8.4 [Acceptance and delivery](#)

5.8.4.1 End item data package

- a. The acceptance data package shall include:
 1. information regarding interfaces,
 2. deviations from contractual requirements,

3. certification of conformance to an identified baseline,
4. description of the functioning of the item, and instructions to operate and maintain it, and
5. safety data or safety certification(s).

5.8.4.2 Acceptance

- a. Acceptance shall be achieved through a review process.
- b. The acceptance process shall include:
 1. acceptance plan,
 2. inspection and test procedures, and
 3. inspection and test reports.
- c. Acceptance may be achieved through a simple inspection process if agreed between customer and supplier.

5.8.4.3 Delivery board

- a. The supplier shall propose GSE elements for which acceptance is granted by a delivery board and agree these with his customer.
- b. The delivery board shall include QA representatives from the supplier and the customer.

5.8.4.4 Delivery

- a. The requirements of the following clauses shall be applied to the delivery of ground items and handling, storage, packing and shipping activities:
 1. preparation for delivery, in conformance with 5.7.4,
 2. delivery, in conformance with 5.7.5, and
 3. handling, storage and preservation, in conformance with 5.2.7.

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5.8.8 General requirements

- a. The following requirements shall be tailored in accordance with the complexity and criticality of the GSE item:
 - 1. traceability requirements in 5.2.5, and
 - 2. metrology and calibration requirements in 5.2.6.

5.8.9 Maintenance

- a. The supplier shall ensure that maintenance activities are planned.
- b. The supplier shall ensure that maintenance demonstration is performed in order to prove that maintainability requirements are satisfied in the real operational environment.

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Pre-tailoring matrix per space product types

The Matrix of Table 6-1 presents the pre-tailoring of ECSS-Q-ST-20C Rev.1 per space product type.

For the terminology and definitions of the space product types see ECSS-S-ST-00-01 which is quoted in 3.1.

NOTE 1 In the matrix, the column “Software” is for consideration in the development of software, only in the case when the software is not installed in a hardware. Since “Software product assurance” is covered by ECSS-Q-ST-80, this document is not applicable to SW PA, and therefore the column “Software” in the matrix always states “NA”.

NOTE 2 Catalogue Off-the-shelf equipment is off-the-shelf equipment that is procured from a stock defined in a supplier catalogue. For example, a UNIX Server is a “Catalogue Off-the-shelf equipment” while a 30 m Antenna can be an off-the-shelf even it is built on order only.

Definitions of the columns

Column title	Description
Applicability status	<p>There are seven product types, one per column.</p> <p>For the column “i” (i = 1 to 8) possible values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A” when applicable, • “NA” when not applicable, or • “Xi” to be decided on a case by case basis, with explanation in column comments • A* when requirement is applicable with supplementary indications in the “Comment” column <p>A requirement is considered applicable for a product type if it is verified on this product type.</p> <p>It is possible to have a requirement applicable at various level of product (system, element, equipment and software)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a requirement is verified only at one level, and the information transmitted to the upper level without any treatment, it will be considered applicable only at the level it was verified (“ Yes “ in the column where it is verified). • If a requirement is verified at one level, and also verified at the upper level, it will be considered applicable at both levels (a “Yes “ in both columns).
Comments	<p>The column “Comments” shall be used to explain the rationale for having not decided if applicable or not.</p> <p>It shall not be used to modify a requirement but it can provide clarification on specific conditions for the applicability of the requirement.</p>

Table 6-1: Pre-tailoring matrix per “Space product types”

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.1.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for suppliers of catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF items such as standard laboratory equipment, work stations,.. , from whom a dedicated QA plan is not required.
5.1.1b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.1.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.1.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.1.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.1.2d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* the list of criteria in ECSS-Q-ST-10-04 tailored for applicability to ground products
5.2.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.3a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* for items traced as per clause 5.2.5.
5.2.4a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.4b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.4c	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.4d	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.4e	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.4f	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.5a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* traceability is limited to product level, not to parts and material
5.2.5b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.5c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* traceability at product level only.
5.2.5d	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.5e	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6e	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6f	A	A		A	A		A	NA	

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.2.6g	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6h	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6i	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6j	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6k	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6l	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6m	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6n	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6o	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6p	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.6q	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2e	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.2f	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.7.3a.	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.2.8.1a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.8.1b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.8.1c	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.8.2a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.2.8.2b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.3.1.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.1.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.1.3a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.1.4a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.1b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.1c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.1d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.1e	A	A		A	A		A	NA	

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.3.2.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.3a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF; Qualification items related to catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF are covered at a higher level.
5.3.2.4.1b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* Qualification plan can be included into another document
5.3.2.4.1c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.1d	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* Qualification results can be included into another document
5.3.2.4.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.2d	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* for ground products point 4 is NA since no Log Bok is required
5.3.2.4.3a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.4.3b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* "Flight" hardware is replaced by "operational" product.
5.3.2.4.4a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* The supplier reports the qualification status without QSL.
5.3.2.4.5a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.3.2.5a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.1.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.1.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.1.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.1.3a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.1.3b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.2d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.3a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.4.3b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.4.3c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.4.3d	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.4.3e	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.4.4.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.4.1b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.4.1c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.4.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.4.3a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.4.4.4a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.5.1b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.1c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.5.1d	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.5.1e	A	A		A*1	A		A*2	NA	*1 except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment *2 point 6 and 8 are NA
5.5.1f	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.5.1g	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.5.2a	A	A		NA	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF; "Flight" hardware is replaced by "operational" product.
5.5.2b	A	A		NA	A		A	NA	
5.5.3.1a	A	A		Xi	A		XI	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.3.1b	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.3.1c	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.3.1d	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.3.2a	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.3.3a	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	This requirement may be made applicable for series production
5.5.4a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.5.4b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.4c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.5a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.5b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.5c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.6.1a	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1b	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1c	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1d	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1e	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1f	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1g	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1h	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.1i	A	A		Xi	A		Xi	NA	For ground products: Requirements of this section are only applicable to equipment in the critical items list.
5.5.6.2a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.6.2b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.1a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.2a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.2b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.3a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.4a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.4b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.4c	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.7.5a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.5.8b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.8c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.8d	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8e	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8f	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8g	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8h	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8i	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.8j	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.1a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.1b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.1c	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.1d	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.2a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.2b	A	NA		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.2c	A	A		NA	NA		NA	NA	
5.5.9.2d	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.9.2e	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.10a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.5.11a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.5.11b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.3.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.3.1b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.3.2a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.3.2b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.4a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.4b	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
5.6.4c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.4d	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.6.4e	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.6.4f	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.4g	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.5a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.6.5b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.1b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.2a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* EIDP DRD is tailored for ground systems and in particular delivery of logbooks and intermediate test results are not required.
5.7.2b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.2c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3a	NA	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3b	A	A		A	NA		NA	NA	
5.7.3c	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3d	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3e	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3f	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.3g	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.4.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.4.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.5.1a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.5.1b	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.7.5.2a	A	A		A	A		A	NA	
5.8.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.1b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.1c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.2a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.3.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.3.1b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.3.2a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.1a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment

ECSS req. number	Space product types								Comments
	Space system	Space segment element and sub-system	Launch segment element and sub-system	Ground segment element and sub-system	Space segment equipment	Launch segment equipment	Ground segment equipment	Software	
5.8.4.2a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.2b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.2c	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.3a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.3b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.4.4a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.8a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.9a	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
5.8.9b	A	A		A*	A		A*	NA	* except for catalogue OFF-THE-SHELF equipment
A.2.1<1>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<2>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<3>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<4>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<5>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<6>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<7>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<8>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
A.2.1<9>a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
B.2.1a	A	A		NA	A		NA	NA	
C.2.1a	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1b	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1c	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1d	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1e	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1f	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1g	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1h	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
C.2.1i.	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	
D.2.1a.	A	A	A	NA	A	A	NA	NA	

Annex A (normative)

QA plan - DRD

A.1 DRD identification

A.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called from ECSS-Q-ST-20, requirement 5.1.1a.

A.1.2 Purpose and objective

The objective of the QA Plan is to describe the activities to be performed by the supplier to assure the quality of the product and to demonstrate compliance to the applicable quality assurance requirements.

A.2 Expected response

A.2.1 Scope and content

<1> Introduction

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall introduce the purpose, objective and the reason prompting its preparation

<2> Applicable and reference documents

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall list the applicable and reference documents in support of the generation of the document.

<3> Quality Assurance management

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable quality assurance [management](#) requirements defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.1.

<4> QA requirements for design and verification

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable Quality assurance requirements for design and verification defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.3.

<5> QA requirements for procurement

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable Quality assurance requirements for procurement defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.4.

<6> QA requirements for manufacturing, assembly and integration

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable Quality assurance requirements for manufacturing, assembly and integration defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.5.

<7> QA requirements for Testing

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable Quality assurance requirements for testing defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.5.11b.

<8> QA requirements for acceptance and delivery

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable Quality assurance requirements for acceptance and delivery defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.7.

<9> Quality Assurance general requirements

- a. The Quality Assurance Plan shall describe the activities to be applied to fulfil the applicable general Quality assurance defined in ECSS-Q-ST-20 clause 5.3.

A.2.2 Special remarks

- a. The response to this DRD may be combined with the response to the product assurance plan, as defined in ECSS-Q-ST-10.

Annex B (normative)

End item data package (EIDP) - DRD

B.1 DRD identification

B.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called from ECSS-Q-ST-20, requirement 5.7.2a.

B.1.2 Purpose and objective

The end item data package is the collection of the data related to the manufacturing, assembly, integration and test of a deliverable configuration item which provides the necessary traceability and events record.

The EIDP constitutes the basis to support the acceptance of the product.

The document is built from the beginning of the activity for all relevant verification levels (i.e. MIP, TRR or TRB).

It is used to perform the TRB or DRB with the customer during the acceptance review of deliverable hardware.

B.2 Expected response

B.2.1 Scope and content

- a. The EIDP shall include the following information and documentation:
 1. The DRB minutes
 2. The customer acceptance certificate if not covered in DRB minutes
 3. Cover page

NOTE An example is given in Annex F.
 4. Table of contents

NOTE An example is given in Annex G.
 5. Change record
 6. The product certificate of conformity in conformance with Annex D.

7. NCR list [and copies of major NCRs](#)
8. ABCL
9. Summary and status of RFDs and RFWs raised and processed on the product
10. The product logbook
11. Product definition documents to be used for further integration, testing and operation in higher level assemblies including the software used to operate the item and the product user or operating manuals.
12. Procedures to be used for the proper handling of the product after its final delivery, including procedures for:
 - (a) packing,
 - (b) handling,
 - (c) storage,
 - (d) transportation,
 - (e) safety, and
 - (f) cleanliness.
13. Copies of the product test reports, or as a minimum the list of the documents with the identification of their location.
14. List of delivered ground support equipment (e.g.: MGSE, EGSE, FGSE, OGSE) with the reference to their corresponding EIDPs and software product.
15. List of EIDPs or logbooks of units and subsystem supplied by lower tier suppliers.
16. List of the loose items and not installed items supplied with the product.
17. Any additional useful information or data relevant to the product.

NOTE 1 [For example, cleanliness certification when cleanliness is a requirement.](#)

[NOTE 2 For example, temporary installed or removed items when applicable to the product.](#)

B.2.2 Special remarks

None.

Annex C (normative) Logbook - DRD

C.1 DRD identification

C.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called from ECSS-Q-ST-20C, requirement 5.5.9.2a.

C.1.2 Purpose and objective

The logbook is the document in which the data related to the integration and testing of a configuration item are recorded in chronological order to provide the necessary events traceability at any time during the programme life cycle, beginning with the first qualification or acceptance test. It is part of the EIDP (see Annex B).

C.2 Expected response

C.2.1 Scope and content

- a. The logbook cover page shall contain the following:
 1. general information,
 2. contents,
 3. approvals of the relevant authorities (QA, PA, PM), and
 4. customer acceptance (if required by the business agreement).

NOTE An example of a logbook cover page is given in Annex E.
- b. The logbook shall contain the “hardware configuration and traceability” table, which reports all the identification references of single elements composing the CI.
- c. The logbook shall contain the “hardware configuration change and status” table, which reports for each single element of the CI all the events relevant to integration, removal and replacement on the higher level.

- d. The logbook shall contain the summary list of the integration and test instructions, including for each entry, the action start date, action performed date and action close-out date shall also be reported.

NOTE Example: shop traveller.

- e. The logbook shall contain the summary list of nonconformances with relevant identification references, issue date, closure dates, and status.
- f. The logbook shall contain all the electrical connector (or other limited cycles items) mate and demate cycles in order to ensure the conformance with the project requirements.
- g. The logbook shall contain the records of total operating hours for each limited-life element identified in the test procedures.
- h. The logbook shall contain, in chronological order, the events related to the integration and test activities performed on the relevant item (i.e. system, subsystem, and equipment), including the following:
1. Action requested form, reporting all the operations performed with the references to the applicable documents or procedures, start date, completion date and quality inspection stamps.
 2. Step-by-step procedures and results, in which copies of the as-run procedures are included in a suitable format.
 3. Procedures variation form, in which copies of modified procedures (red marked) identified with a procedure variation number and duly approved by responsible authorities, are included.
- i. The logbook shall contain the list of open action or open test at the time of the product shipment to the customer, test facility or launch pad.

C.2.2 Special remarks

An example of a logbook cover page is given in Annex E.

Annex D (normative)

Certificate of conformity (CoC) - DRD

D.1 DRD identification

D.1.1 Requirement identification and source document

This DRD is called from ECSS-Q-ST-20C, requirement 5.7.3g.

NOTE See also Annex B.2.1a.6.

D.1.2 Purpose and objective

The certificate of conformity is the document that declares the conformance of an end item in all respect with the applicable specification(s), drawing(s) and requirements of the order.

This document is included in the EIDP to provide to the customer the assurance that the deliverable item has been designed, manufactured and tested in accordance with the technical and quality requirements established by the business agreement and the statement of work.

D.2 Expected response

D.2.1 Content

a. The CoC shall contain the following elements:

1. Title including references to identify the product and the relevant applicable documents;

NOTE Examples for references are item name, project, serial number, part number, customer, contract number.

2. Document no. in accordance with project configuration control rules;
3. EIDP reference number;
4. Intended use, specifying the item objective (i.e. BB, QM, FM);

5. Reference of conformity, calling for example the following documents:
 - (a) Business agreement requirements: reference number of design spec., ICD or other contractual documents;
 - (b) Operational documents: reference number of drawings, procedures, and electrical schemes;
 - (c) Deliverable documents: reference number of EIDP, logbooks, and manuals.
6. Statement of conformity;
7. List of waivers or deviations or other remarks;
8. Full name and function of the signing person(s) authorised by the issuer's management to sign on his behalf.

NOTE The number of signatures included is the minimum determined by the legal form of the issuer's organisation.

D.2.2 Special remarks

An example of a [CoC](#) is given in Annex H.

Annex E (informative)

Example of a logbook cover page

Logbook General information			Log No.
			Model
			Sheet 1 of 1
Program	Item name	Item part no.	Item serial no.
Customer	Contract no.	Log start date	Log finish date
Contents:			
Section 1	Hardware configuration and traceability	Total Sheets	
Section 2	Hardware configuration change and status	" "	
Section 3	Shop traveller list (or similar documents)	" "	
Section 4	Nonconformances summary list	" "	
Section 5	Connectors mate and demate	" "	
Section 6	Operating hours log	" "	
Section 7	Log of actions	" "	
Section 7.1	Action requested	" "	
Section 7.2	Additional actions undertaken	" "	
Section 7.3	Step by step procedure and results	" "	
Section 8	Open works	" "	
Date system quality assurance approval:			
Date programme manager acceptance:		Date PA manager acceptance:	
Customer acceptance:			

Date:	Customer signature		
_____	_____		

Annex F (informative)

Example of EIDP cover page

		EIDP no.
End item data package		
Item description	Specification no.	
Drawing or identification no.	Serial no.	Model
CI no.	Contract no.	
Prepared by:	Dept.:	Date:
Approved by:	Dept.:	Date:

Annex G (informative) Example of EIDP contents

EIDP contents				EIDP no.	
		Included	Vol. no.	Remarks	
Section 1	Customer follow-up sheet, DRB minutes, customer acceptance certificate if not covered by DRB minutes				
Section 2	EIDP front sheet and contents				
Section 3	EIDP change record				
Section 4	Certificate of conformity				
Section 5	As-design as-built configuration status				
Section 6	Request for waivers and NCR list (NCR, RFW or RFD) summary. Copy of Major NCRs.				
Section 7	Operation documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface drawings • User or operating manuals • Operational S/W list 				
Section 8	Logbook				
Section 9	Procedures for e.g. packing, handling, storage, transportation, safety, and cleanliness.				
Section 10	Test report				
Section 11	Ground support equipment (GSE) and S/W product list				
Section 12	EIDPs or logbooks list (SBCOs H/W, GSE)				
Section 13	Loose item list (not installed items and spares)				
Section 14	Other data and remarks				

Annex H (informative) Example of Certificate of conformity

Certificate of conformity					
Document no.		Project		Log	
Item name	Item part no.	Item serial no.		Customer code	
Customer		Contract no.		Intended use	
Reference of conformity					
Contract requirements		Operational documents		Deliverable documents	
Document no.	Issue/rev.	Document no.	Issue/rev.	Document no.	Issue/rev.
Statement of conformity					
<p>It is hereby certified that apart from the deviations or waivers noted in the "Remarks" box below, the whole of the supplies detailed above, conform in all respects to the specification(s), drawing(s) and condition(s) or requirement(s) respects to the specification(s), drawing(s) and condition(s) or requirement(s) of the contract.</p>					
<p>Remarks:</p>					
PA manager: _____			Date: _____		
<u>Project/ Programme manager:</u>			<u>Date:</u>		

Annex I (informative) QA document requirement list

Table I-1 presents the reviews at which the different issues of the Quality Assurance documents are expected.

Table I-1: QA document requirement list with respect to milestones

Document Title	Review												DRD Ref.	
	MDR	PRR	SRR	PDR	CDR	QR	AR	ORR	FRR	LRR	CRR	ELR		
Quality Assurance Plan		X	X	X	X									ECSS-Q-ST-20C Rev.1 Annex A
EIDP						X	X							ECSS-Q-ST-20C Rev.1 Annex B

Note: EIDP includes logbook (Annex C) and certificate of conformity (Annex D)

Annex J (informative)

ECSS-Q-ST-20 applicability according to programme phases

The contents of this informative annex are general guidelines to be considered in support for the selection of applicable requirements according to the programme phases.

NOTE During phase A only few documents/requirements are actually applicable, however, it is during this phase that the future standards/requirements applicability to phase B/C/D/E should be defined. A larger set of standards can then be called up as reference documents for phase A while not made formally applicable.”

Table J-1: ECSS-Q-ST-20C Requirements per programme phase

Clause	Requirement Section	Phase					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
5	Quality assurance requirements®						
5.1	QA management requirements®						
5.1.1	Quality assurance plan®	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.1.2	Personnel training and certification®	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.2	QA general requirements®						
5.2.1	Critical-items control®		X	X	X	X	
5.2.2	Nonconformance control system®			X	X	X	X
5.2.3	Management of alerts®		X	X	X	X	
5.2.4	Acceptance authority media®			X	X	X	
5.2.5	Traceability®		X	X	X	X	
5.2.6	Metrology and calibration®		X	X	X	X	
5.2.7	Handling, storage and preservation®			X	X	X	
5.2.8	Statistical quality control and analysis®				X	X	
5.3	QA requirements for design and verification®						
5.3.1	Design rules®	X	X	X			

Clause	Requirement Section	Phase					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
5.3.2	Verification®						
5.3.2.1	General®		X	X	X	X	X
5.3.2.2	Design verification analysis®	X	X	X	X	X	
5.3.2.3	Design reviews®	X	X	X	X		
5.3.2.4	Qualification process®						
5.3.2.4.1	Qualification®			X	X	X	
5.3.2.4.2	Qualification by similarity®			X	X	X	
5.3.2.4.3	Qualification testing®			X	X	X	
5.3.2.4.4	Qualification status®		X	X	X	X	
5.3.2.4.5	Maintenance of qualification®			X	X	X	
5.3.2.5	Design changes®		X	X	X	X	
5.4	QA requirements for procurement®						
5.4.1	Selection of procurement sources®		X	X	X	X	
5.4.2	Procurement documents®		X	X	X	X	
5.4.3	Surveillance of procurement sources®		X	X	X	X	
5.4.4	Receiving inspection®		X	X	X	X	
5.5	QA requirements for manufacturing, assembly and integration®						
5.5.1	Planning of manufacturing, assembly and integration activities and associated documents®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.2	Manufacturing readiness reviews®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.3	Control of processes®						
5.5.3.1	General®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.3.2	Special processes®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.3.3	Statistical process control®			X	X	X	
5.5.4	Workmanship standards®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.5	Materials and parts control®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.6	Equipment control®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.7	Cleanliness and contamination control®						
5.5.7.1	General®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.7.2	Cleanliness levels®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.7.3	Cleaning materials and methods®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.7.4	Contamination control®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.7.5	Cleanliness of facilities®		X	X	X	X	
5.5.8	Inspection®			X	X	X	
5.5.9	Specific requirements for assembly and integration®			X	X	X	
5.5.10	Manufacturing, assembly and integration records®		X	X	X	X	

Clause	Requirement Section	Phase					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
5.5.11	Electrostatic discharge control (ESD)®		X	X	X		
5.6	QA requirements for testing®		X	X	X	X	
5.7	QA requirements for acceptance and delivery®				X	X	
5.8	QA requirements for ground support equipment (GSE)®						
5.8.1	Design, development and verification®		X	X			
5.8.2	Configuration control®		X	X	X	X	
5.8.3	Production®						
5.8.3.1	Procurement®		X	X	X	X	
5.8.3.2	Manufacturing, assembly, integration and test®			X	X	X	
5.8.4	Acceptance and delivery®						
5.8.4.1	End item data package®			X	X	X	
5.8.4.2	Acceptance®			X	X	X	
5.8.4.3	Delivery board®			X	X	X	
5.8.4.4	Delivery®			X	X	X	
5.8.8	General requirements®		X	X	X	X	
5.8.9	Maintenance®		X	X	X	X	

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ECSS-M-ST-40	Space project management - Configuration and information management
ECSS-Q-ST-30	Space product assurance - Dependability
ECSS-Q-ST-40	Space product assurance - Safety
ECSS-Q-ST-60	Space product assurance - Electrical, electronic and electromechanical (EEE) components
ECSS-Q-ST-70	Space product assurance - Materials, mechanical parts and processes
ECSS-Q-ST-70-01	Space product assurance - Cleanliness and contamination control
EN 9100	Aerospace series - Quality management systems - Requirements (based on ISO 9001:2000) and Quality systems - Model for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing