

Product Authorization and Implementation

OVERVIEW BRIEF

Product Authorization

- IF your product meets the Specification Requirements, it may be used for any application where the Specification has current engineering approval, and it may be purchased through normal channels (I.e. GSA, DLA)
- What does Authorization do?
 - Approves the use of a material or process for a specific application
 - Does not guarantee procurement
- Requirements for Authorization (for new products and process, and different applications of existing products and processes)
 - Lab evaluation/qualification
 - Field verification/validation (as required)
 - Data analysis and development of use constraints
 - Length of process depends upon: Criticality of Application, Availability of funds, etc.
- Who grants Authorization?
 - Command/Engineering authority issues Authorization through their specified documentation process.

First Article Implementation Requirements

- Implementation Path (Example: aerospace products)
 - Criteria for acceptance is defined in the contract
 - Lab Performance validation of product/process
 - Authorization/Implementation path forward
 - Government Engineering authority sign-off (If not previously granted-outlined in previous slide)
 - Engineering/Logistics/Original Equipment Manufacturer (As needed)
 - Revise documentation (Local drawings/Tech orders/Manuals . . .)
 - Establish Supply, NSN, order quantities, etc.
- Implementation path can vary widely
 - Based on the criticality of the application, associated risk factors, availability of funding, and the service/agency specific requirements