

August 2024

Subject: APQP & AS/EN/JISQ 9145 Awareness & Rollout

Dear Supplier Representative,

As part of our alignment to industry and customer requirements, Collins Aerospace is integrating Advanced Product Quality Planning (APQP) and Production Part Approval Process (PPAP) per AS/EN/JISQ 9145 into New Product Introduction (NPI). Along with NPI, we plan to apply APQP where we deem it to be beneficial within our supply base. We have identified opportunities to improve product quality, shorten lead time and lower product costs by executing the APQP process and PPAP elements into our current processes. In preparation for these industry requirements, we want to make sure you're ready to join us on this APQP journey.

It is our goal to support and guide you where needed and to help connect you to industry standard resources. We recommend that you visit the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) site and review the [Supply Chain Management Handbook](#) (SCMH). There under the [Plan & Manage](#) section you'll find industry standard resources (recorded and written) on APQP, PPAP, FAI, Work Transfer, and other key subject areas. It's free to register to view and utilize the IAQG SCM materials. In addition, you can find information on key [9145 audit criteria for 9100 audits](#) from the IAQG as well.

Collins Aerospace realizes that many companies have been utilizing various forms of APQP and specifically our Aerospace APQP standard (9145) for many years. We are now inviting many of our key suppliers to take the time to assess where they currently are regarding their experience and readiness for APQP via 9145. **Please complete this short [Supplier APQP Awareness Survey](#). Your feedback will be used to tailor future engagement and guidance for APQP.**

Live virtual APQP guidance overviews will be provided by registering for and joining one of the following sessions:

NOTE – These sessions are in Eastern USA Time Zone.

- [September 18th at 10am ET](#)
- [September 24th at 11pm ET](#) (evening USA | morning APAC)
- [October 2nd at 12pm ET](#)
- [October 16th at 11am ET](#)
- [November 13th at 11am ET](#)
- If you're unable to attend one of the above live sessions, you can register for and view the following recorded option at your convenience: [Supplier APQP & AS9145 Overview Training - 2024](#)

Requirements contained in 9145 will be invoked by purchase order or other contractual requirements. Collins Aerospace will be utilizing a digital tool to manage the APQP and PPAP deliverables as required by customer requirements and/or certain programs in accordance with 9145. In the future, additional communications will come from specific programs and/or SBU organizations to provide further guidance around our developing APQP program. We look forward to partnering with you towards achieving our goal of implementing APQP, meeting 9145 industry requirements, and ultimately evolving our products and services.

Sincerely,

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