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## QUALITY CLAUSES

**The following Quality Assurance Clauses, when specifically referenced in the purchase order by number, shall apply, and shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, other purchase order requirements.**

- **Q1 Certificate of Compliance:** Each shipment shall have a Certificate of Conformance stating that all materials, parts, and processes used in the manufacture meet purchase order requirements and that substantiating documents are on file. **Note: Sub-tier Supplier/Processor Certifications.** If Supplier is not the original fabricator, processor, or assembly source of the product(s) which makes up the deliverable end item, supplier shall obtain and maintain Sub-tier Supplier/Processor Certificates of Compliance documentation on file for 7 years. Unless specifically required per the purchase order, the Supplier's Sub-tier Supplier/Processor certifications shall be made available to Brandex Components, Inc. customer and/or a regulatory agency including an authorized government representative.
- **Q2 Test Reports:** The Supplier furnishing components or assemblies to Brandex Components, Inc. shall maintain a complete set of results of all Test Reports for 7 years from the date of purchase. The Supplier must retain for 7 years any other reports necessary to substantiate that all material used in the manufacture of components or assemblies, whether purchased by the Supplier or of Supplier manufacture, meet the requirements and/or specifications. The Supplier must make available subsequent reports as found necessary by Brandex Components, Inc.
- **Q3 First Article Inspection:** The first item produced on this purchase order may be subject to first article acceptance prior to further fabrication. If first article is invoked it shall be noted on the purchase order. If the first piece submitted fails to meet the inspection acceptance requirements, a new first piece shall be submitted for approval. This procedure shall be continued until an acceptable first article has been approved. First article acceptance shall be based on the requirements of the drawing, specification, and purchase document, as applicable. Any cost expended for quality production prior to acceptance of the first article is at the exclusive risk of the Supplier. Acceptance of the first article shall not be considered a blanket acceptance of subsequent part production. The submission of a first article shall be accomplished by one reproduction copy of all applicable data.
- **Q4 Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS):** The supplier shall provide with each delivery a Certificate of Compliance stating that all materials supplied are within the limits for hazardous substances as established by EU Directive 2002/95/EC. Should any material not comply, the concentration of the hazardous substance shall be reported on a chemical test report. At the discretion of Brandex Components, Inc. the material may be rejected and returned to the Supplier if the concentration of the hazardous substance is over the established limits. Brandex Components, Inc. also reserves the right to request a written plan from the supplier detailing the necessary steps required to bring the material into compliance and the date when compliance will be established.
- **Q5 Shelf Life:** The materials furnished against this purchase order shall have a minimum of 75% of its shelf life remaining at the time of delivery. The material must be visibly marked either on the part or the container with the expiration date.
- **Q6 Manufacturing Lot Traceability:** The items on this purchase order require evidence of manufacturing lot traceability with each shipment.
- **Q7 Preference for Domestic Specialty Metals (DFARS 252.225-7009)** When this quality clause is referenced the Supplier shall ensure that the parts supplied meet the requirements of DFARS 252.225-7009. This clause requires that any specialty metals (as defined in the clause) incorporated in hardware deliverables under DOD contracts must be melted in the United States or a qualifying country.



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- **Q8 Defense Priorities and Allocation System (DPAS)** When this quality clause is referenced on the purchase order the order is certified for National Defense use. The supplier is required to follow all the provisions of the DPAS regulation (15 CFR 700) and acknowledge or reject a DO rated order within 15 working days or a DX rated order within 10 working days. If both rated and unrated quantities are reflected on this order, you are to follow the DPAS regulation as it pertains to the rated quantities.
  
- **Q9 Flow-Down of Requirements** The Supplier shall flow down the right of Entry Provision statement and process/product change notification, and any other applicable requirement to sub-tier suppliers in their purchasing documents. The Supplier shall notify the organization of any non-conforming product. The supplier shall obtain approval for non-conforming product disposition. The supplier shall notify the organization of changes in product and/or processes, changes of suppliers, changes of manufacturing facility location/s, and where required, obtain organization approval. The supplier shall flow down to the supply chain the applicable requirements including customer requirements.
  
- **Q10 FOD Prevention Requirements:** Each shipment made against the relevant purchase order will be considered free from damage and/or damage caused by FOD. (Foreign Objects/Debris)
  
- **Q11 Conflict Minerals Declaration:** Shipments made against this purchase order shall be consistent with the Dodd- Frank Section 1502, to ensure that the products and components in our supply chain do not contain minerals where the mining and sale of may contribute to the funding of conflict and the abuse of human rights in the DRC and adjoining countries.
  
- **Q12 Counterfeit Risk Mitigation:** Supplier should have a program in place to prevent the delivery of counterfeit parts and materials. Shipments made against this purchase order shall be procured from a Franchised Distributor, or Original Equipment Manufacturer.
  
- **Q13 Methods, Processes and Training:** The Supplier shall have a program in place that specifies the approval of Products and services, methods, processes and equipment and the release of products and services. When supplying Brandex Components, Inc. with products or services, it is required that your staff is trained and competent to produce the products we purchase from you. The products must ensure product safety and compliance to all governing entities, contract requirements, industry standards and our customers. Professional, ethical behavior is required when corresponding with Brandex Components, Inc. our conglomerates, associated suppliers and most importantly our customers.

**Please note that all future Purchase Orders will now include FARS 52.204-23 and require that suppliers report any affected orders to Brandex Components, Inc. as well as to the Government. Supply your response and any questions/clarifications to sales@brandex.com**