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Introduction

This document is intended for use in the engineering community.

The terms Safety, Dependability, and Quality Assurance (SD&QA) are often used interchangeably, but they have very different meanings. *Safety* is the system state with acceptable levels of risk for conditions that can cause death, injury, occupational illness, damage to or loss of equipment or property, or damage to the environment. *Dependability* is the ability of an item or system to perform as and when required. *Quality Assurance* is the part of quality management focused on providing confidence that quality requirements are fulfilled.

This document defines the *"what to do's"* at depths that facilitate consistency in planning and implementing SD&QA programme which identify, assess, and eliminate or mitigate technical risks using levels of effort commensurate with the product's unit-value/criticality and systems engineering life cycle data content/maturity.

The fundamental building blocks of the capability-based SD&QA programme consists of the SD&QA processes identified in Annex A and described in Annex C. The fundamental SD&QA processes are grouped programmatically according to separate SD&QA domains, and functionally according to documented management, engineering, and testing approaches. Annex B defines the tiered criteria used for rating the SD&QA risk management capability of existing SD&QA programme or for planning the desired SD&QA risk management capability of new SD&QA programme. The unique provisions of this document include the following:

— Consistent criteria (see Annex B) for rating the capability of SD&QA programme to identify, analyse, and mitigate or control, potential and existing, product and process deficiencies in a manner that is commensurate with the product's unit-value/criticality (see Table 1) and systems engineering life cycle data content/maturity (see Table 3);

— Structured planning to achieve a predefined level of SD&QA risk management capability for the overall SD&QA programme or any individual SD&QA process through a statement of work (SOW) or memorandum of agreement (MOA);

— Collecting, reviewing, and applying existing lessons learned for rating the maturity of input data used for performing SD&QA analyses;

— Creating and disseminating new lessons learned to sustain continuous improvement of the SD&QA programme through the enterprise.

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1 Scope

This document applies to the design, development, fabrication, test, and operation of commercial, civil, and military space and ground control systems, sites/facilities, services, equipment, and computer software. Criteria is provided for rating the capability of the entire SD&QA programme or an individual SD&QA process to identify, assess, and eliminate or mitigate risks that threaten safety or mission success. The predefined capability rating criteria define the sequence of activities necessary to achieve a measurable improvement in the effectiveness of SD&QA risk management by implementing it in stages. Organizations can evaluate their existing SD&QA programme against the criteria in this document to identify the activities that need to be added, deleted, or modified to achieve the desired technical risk management effort. The phrase "desired technical risk management effort" means the activities and resources used to identify, assess, and eliminate or mitigate technical risks are commensurate with the product's unit-value/criticality and systems engineering life cycle data content/maturity.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10794, *Space systems — Programme management, materials, mechanical parts and processes*

ISO 10795, *Space systems — Programme management and quality — Vocabulary*

ISO 14300-2, *Space systems — Programme management — Part 2: Product assurance*

ISO 14620-1, *Space systems — Safety requirements — Part 1: System safety*

ISO 17666, *Space systems — Risk management*

ISO 23460, *Space systems — Programme management — Dependability requirements*

ISO 27025, *Space systems — Programme management — Quality assurance requirements*

ISO 9000, *Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

NOTE A number of process level documents that are available to aid contractors achieve their safety, dependability, and quality assurance requirements are provided in the Annex D.

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10794, ISO 10795, ISO 14300-2, ISO 14620-1, ISO 17666, ISO 23460, ISO 27025, and ISO 9000apply.

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