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Foreword

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Introduction

In order to improve the quality of products and to work efficiently, it is important to consider past experiences and how the knowledge of those experiences is transmitted. The aim is to decrease errors (in terms of both quantity and gravity), improve working methods and decrease risks of nonconformity to specified objectives (management, technical, quality, costs and schedules).

In the process of lessons learned, future space projects or programmes are intended to draw benefit from past experiences, by capturing and communicating knowledge from the past through recording, classifying and making the information available.

An efficient processing of lessons learned is considered essential for:

— ongoing efficiency and quality improvement inside any organization;

— successful project management.

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Space systems — Lessons learned — Principles and guidelines

1 Scope

This document specifies lessons learned principles and guidelines that are applicable in all space project activities (management, technical, quality, cost and schedule).

The application of this document is intended to be included in the supplier quality management system, but can be tailored in individual contracts as agreed by the customer and supplier, depending on:

— the content of each project (size, technological level and novelty, particular organization, participants, etc.);

— the interest and usefulness of the related information.

The lessons learned information can result from any situation which can be encountered in similar contexts for future projects, i.e.:

— undesirable experiences to be avoided;

— strategies, rules, principles of design, validation, tests and operations proved to be successful or necessary.

This document neither endorses nor recommends the transmission of company proprietary information to external entities as part of a lessons learned process.

Implementing a formal lessons learned process as outlined in this document makes it possible to capture and benefit from this information.

The lessons learned activity is an important contribution to the processing of the preventive and corrective actions specified in ISO 9001, ISO 17666, ISO 14620-1 and ISO 23460.

This document also provides lessons learned processes and suggested lessons learned forms.

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

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

ISO 17666, *Space projects — Risk management*

ISO 23460, *Space projects — Programme management — Dependability assurance requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document. For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10795 apply.

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