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What is the Defence Industries Quality Forum?

The Defence Industries Quality Forum (DIQF) is a Defence stakeholder environment that enables mutual consultation between the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and Industry Partners on issues relating to MOD quality policies, processes and standards.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide the Forum's stakeholder community with a summary of the key points recorded in the Minutes of the Quarterly Forum Meetings.

In addition, the Bulletin is produced to promote the Forum's activities and invite all UK Defence Industry Partners to become active stakeholders. The Bulletin is distributed to Industry by all DIQF members and Government Quality Assurance Representatives.

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- MOD Co-chair: Dave Thomas, QCM Pol DepHd
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What organisations and groups are represented?

- Aerospace Defence and Security Industries (A|D|S):
- Association of British Certification Bodies (ABCB).
- Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).
- International Independent Organisation for Certification (IIOC).
- Submarine Enterprise Quality Group (SEQG).
- TechUK.
- The Chartered Quality Institute (CQI).
- United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS).
- Individual company representation(s).

MOD:

- Quality Configuration Management Policy (QCM Pol)
- Defence Quality Assurance Field Force (DQAFF)

Key point summary

The following key points are summarised from the minutes of Meeting No 78 that took place on Thursday 6th June 2019.

ADS presented on a new Quality Group that has been created. The ADS UK Quality Group is a forum which brings together senior quality representatives from the UK's prime aerospace companies, regulatory authorities and trade body representatives. One of the key focuses of the group is to pool resources and coordinate initiatives/actions to effectively address UK industry-wide issues.

QCM (Policy) also presented a comparison of AQAP 2105 Ed C to the older Ed 2. Two tables have been produced that detail the changes to AQAP 2105 Deliverable Quality Plans Ed 2 to Ed C. Ed C was reviewed paragraph by paragraph against the SRD.

Workstream 1 (Counterfeit Avoidance). Input has gone into the annual Intellectual Property Crime and Enforcement Report 2019, providing awareness of MOD and Industry work to combat counterfeit material in the Defence supply chain.

The annual Counterfeit Awareness event is being held on Thursday 4th July 2019 at the BAWA Club, Bristol.

Workstream 2 (Improved Understanding & Implementation of AQAP 2110 Rev D Supply Chain Requirements). The NATO Working Group has issued draft guidance and is scheduled to complete 'silence' by end of June 2019.

Supporting information on published and draft NATO guidance such as access for GQA at external providers was also discussed.

Workstream 3 (Attracting and Retaining Competent People in Quality across the Defence Sector). A subtle change to the objective of this workstream has taken place; to improve the functional competence of Quality professionals within Defence through the definition and publication of a Defence Body of Quality Knowledge (DBOQK) that supports existing Defence competence and qualification frameworks.

Workstream 4 (Defence Equipment Fault Reporting and Analysis). There had been limited progress made on this workstream due to resource constraints.

Defence Quality Assurance Field Force (DQAFF) update highlights. The role of the GQAR is to help in the provision of confidence that contractual requirements have been met.

MS SharePoint has been utilised to create a Field Force repository for surveillance taskings as well as QDRs. Field Force are able to run PowerBI reports that interrogate the rich information being captured.

Communications. Three MOD Quality events are taking place on 10th September (Glasgow), 8th October (Manchester or RAF Cosford) and 5th November (BAWA Bristol). The MOD Quality Awards nominations are open & close 28th June. Awards will be presented on 5th November at the BAWA Bristol event.

The DIQF Annual Report has been published and documents the work of the DIQF for the 2018/19 year.

Policy and standards update. AQAP 2105 (Quality Plans) has been ratified. AQAP 2110 SRD 1B is being developed for post transitional guidance.

AQAP 2131 (Final Inspection) Standards Related Document (SRD) is in editorial review.

The Knowledge in Defence (KiD) Managing Quality topic has been updated.

Def Stan 05-135 Avoidance of Counterfeit Materiel is under review.

QCM(Pol) update. QCM(Pol) have undergone an internal Directorate rebranding where the Director Safety & Environment, Quality and Technology (D S&EQT) is now called Director Engineering and Safety (D ES) and have moved to the Corporate domain from the Air domain.

QCM(Pol) have been working with BSI on amber and red alerts for a pilot scheme. They are also working with UKAS to reinvigorate good collaboration that had taken place in the past.

The MOD Quality Development Scheme is progressing well, with an Initial Operating Capability launch due in November 2019.

Next meeting. Thursday 12th September 2019 at MOD Abbey Wood, Bristol.

