



## Section 6 : QUALITY ASSURANCE CLAUSES / CQAR

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### 604. Process Validation Assessments (PVA) (1/17/01).

(a) Buyer will perform Process Validation Assessments during the design and manufacture of goods at Seller's facility. Upon receipt of this contract, Seller will promptly notify Buyer's Quality Assurance Representative that normally services its plant. If not presently serviced by one of Buyer's Quality Assurance Representatives, Seller will promptly notify Buyer's authorized purchasing representative.

(b) Buyer's Quality Assurance Representative may elect to perform random sampling or 100% inspections. Seller will not hold shipments for inspection unless specifically instructed to do so by Buyer's Quality Assurance Representative. Seller is allowed to ship goods without evidence of Buyer's source inspection.

**Note:** If clause 607 is also incorporated in this contract, First Article Inspection shall be performed by Seller at Seller's facility and shall be validated, as required, by Buyer's Procurement Quality Representative (PQR) at Seller's facility prior to shipment of goods. Clause 604 relieves Seller of the requirement stated in 607 (c) (6) to forward one copy of the completed First Article Inspection Report (FAIR) with the first shipment. Additionally, clause 604 relieves Seller of the requirement stated in 607 (c) (6) to forward any First Article Inspection (FAI) addendum reports with the associated initial shipments.

(c) This clause does not apply to parts requiring serialization [e.g., Flight Critical Items (FCI), Fracture Critical Parts (FCP), and Critical Attached Hardware (CAH)] or those orders where clause 639 [High-Strength Fastener Certification] is imposed.

(d) Seller will retain the quality documentation/certifications. Seller is authorized to ship goods without having to provide copies to Buyer. If the contract does not specify data retention periods, Seller is required to retain purchase order-required quality documentation/certifications for a minimum of eight (8) years after shipment. Prior to destroying any quality documentation/certifications, Seller will contact Buyer's authorized purchasing representative to request disposition of the documentation/certification in question. Documentation/certifications will be provided to Buyer at no cost upon request.

(e) Seller is responsible for all inspections and/or tests necessary to ensure product conformance. To assure product integrity, Seller will determine the necessity for in-process inspection. When in-process inspection is deemed necessary, Seller will establish, coordinate, document, and maintain the mandatory in-process inspection points. Seller will perform all final inspections and/or tests prior to shipping goods.

(f) Goods will be identified, with an indication of acceptance status [e.g., application of supplier's inspection/acceptance stamp or symbol] and PO number-PVA [i.e., PO #####-PVA or Purchase Order #####-PVA], in addition to the minimum identification requirements of the part.