RMS Special Process & Quality Management System Control

Special Processes Requirements

LM RMS Special process requirements will be listed in the purchase order quality text keys.

Example Text Key:

CHXA554101: MIL-DTL-5541F - ALUMINUM CHEMICAL FILM TYPE I

THE SUPPLIER AND/OR THEIR SUB-TIER SUPPLIERS SHALL CONFORM TO THIS SPECIAL PROCESS REQUIREMENT WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY LOCKHEED MARTIN QUALITY REPRESENTATIVES.

A LIST OF LOCKHEED MARTIN APPROVED SPECIAL PROCESSORS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CURRENT APPROVALS TAB ON THE LOCKHEED MARTIN PROCURE-TO-PAY INTERNET PORTAL. A SEARCH BY APPROVAL CODE DESCRIPTION OR BY SPECIFICATION NUMBER MAY BE PERFORMED BY USING THE APPROVAL CODE DETAILS PROVIDED ON THE TITLE OF THIS TEXT NOTE.

Suppliers or sub-tier suppliers performing special processes must have one of the following:

* A current “Approved” LM Special Processor status; or
* A current NADCAP certification

A list of Lockheed Martin approved special processors can be found on the current approvals tab in P2P. Reference the "[Current Approvals](http://css.lmco.com/lmp2p/QRG/Supplier/Current%20Approvals.pdf)" P2P Support guide.

A list of NADCAP certified special processors can be found using [eAuditNet](https://www.eauditnet.com/eauditnet/ean/user/login.htm).

Quality Management System Requirements

When the procurement requires a Quality Management System (QMS) certification, QA shall assure that either the Tier 1 or sub-tier supplier has one of the following:

* A current “Approved” LM QMS survey; or
* A current 3rd party certification from an IAF accredited registrar

Special Processor Identification

During the completion of the Ship-To module in P2P, suppliers must identify the special processors that were used on the product being shipped. Barcodes will not be generated until approved sources are identified for all special processes required by the purchase order. Reference the "[Ship to LMC](http://css.lmco.com/lmp2p/QRG/Supplier/Ship_to_LMC.pdf)" P2P Support guide.

Surveys

LM RMS conducts surveys at suppliers to establish special process & QMS approval status.

Special processors are subject to resurvey when one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. A major organizational or key personnel change that affects the supplier's Quality program.
2. The supplier has undergone a manufacturing facility relocation, renovation, and/or process change which may impact product quality.
3. Special process issues affecting the supplier’s performance.
4. The special process supplier's approval period has or will exceed 24 months.

Quality Management Systems are subject to resurvey when one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. A major organizational change that affects the supplier's Quality program.
2. The supplier's performance indicates a quality system problem.
3. The supplier has not pursued certification through accredited registrars or has declared compliance to the ISO, AS or another Industry Quality System shall be surveyed on an interval not to exceed 36 months.
4. A supplier with a Quality System that is no longer certified by third party registration.

NADCAP

Lockheed Martin RMS accepts and encourages the use of [NADCAP](https://p-r-i.org/nadcap/) certification in lieu of certain LM approvals via LM survey

Suppliers that have current NADCAP certifications and are not listed in the LM Current Approvals database can be added by emailing the RMS Supplier Quality Services team at supplier-qa-services.fc-mst@lmco.com.

FAQs

**What 3rd party certifications are accepted by LM?**

Quality management Systems: Suppliers who are registered to ISO or AS Quality System through IAF (International Accredited Forum) accredited registrars will be approved via their 3rd party certification.

Special Processes: Suppliers who have a current NADCAP certification will be approved via their NADCAP cert except for welding, brazing and IPC-610 processes.

**Are approved processors required for QML parts?**

No. QML approved processes do not require surveys or LM special process approval

**What if the wrong special process is listed on my purchase order?**

Contact your LM buyer. The buyer will work with supplier quality to ensure that the correct flow-down is on the Purchase Order.

**What if there are no approved sources in the Current Approvals listing for a special process?**

Contact your LM buyer. The buyer will work with supplier quality to determine if surveys should be conducted or if the PO should be updated.

**How can new special processors be added to the Current Approvals listing?**

If the supplier has an existing profile in LM P2P, the approval can be added by either providing a NADCAP certification or by requesting a survey. Contact RMS Supplier Quality Services, supplier-qa-services.fc-mst@lmco.com.

**How can expired special processor be viewed?**

The Ship-to module in P2P has "Look Back" feature that allows a search based on the date the special process was performed. The search will return a listing of suppliers that were approved as of that date. This can be used in cases where a special process is performed by a supplier whose approval expires after processing and before the final product is due to ship. The supplier can be selected since they were approved at the time the process was performed.