



**RDS Wire & Cable**  
**225 East Gardena Blvd., Gardena, CA 90248**

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## **Vendor Quality Assurance Requirements**

This document establishes quality requirements for purchased material and processes, and defines vendor responsibilities and requirements to assure products conform to RDS Wire & Cable requirements.

### **Certification of Material:**

Each shipment of material shall include Certification of Conformance which includes at a minimum: the Purchase Order number, material description, and specification reference in order to verify any applicable test report data. Product monitored by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) may be certified with proper UL labels.

### **Right of Access:**

All facilities and applicable records involved in the order must be made available to Regulatory Authorities, RDS Wire & Cable, and to our customer, including, as needed, inspection activities. Such access will be coordinated by RDS personnel in advance.

### **Flow-Down Requirements:**

Any applicable requirements, including key characteristics, critical items and special requirements must be communicated to sub-tier suppliers when indicated in the purchasing documents.

### **Approved Special Process Sources:**

When required by purchase order instructions, the vendor agrees to ensure use of RDS Wire & Cable customer's approved special process sources.

### **Retention of Records**

Records created by and retained by vendors (i.e. test data, lot traceability information, etc.) shall be retained for a minimum of ten years (unless otherwise specified) indexed by Order, lot, or date codes.

### **Changes/Revisions:**

When the vendor is not able to meet RDS's requirements, the vendor will inform RDS.

### **Non-conformances:**

When a vendor is providing products to RDS Wire & Cable requirements and there is a non-conformance, RDS must be notified immediately of the non-conformance to make arrangements for approval.

### **Environmental Compliance:**

Vendor shall provide confirmation that tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold are not sourced from conflict regions through CMRT reporting or other certification. Vendor shall also comply with current RoHS and REACH requirements.

### **Counterfeit Parts Avoidance:**

Vendor shall assure authenticity of products from known sources, prevent use of counterfeit or suspect counterfeit parts, and apply controls over suppliers to assure the same.



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**Use of Statistical Techniques:**

When sampling is required Supplier is to use a statistically proven sampling inspection plan. If RDS requires a more specific sampling plan it shall be based on RDS Statistical Sampling Procedure P20.1 which RDS will supply.

**Implement a Quality System:**

Supplier shall maintain a Quality Management System [QMS] that shall provide a high degree of confidence that all material and services provided conform to all purchase order requirements and RDS Wire & Cable quality expectations.

**Notify Organization of Changes:**

Supplier shall notify RDS of all significant changes to its quality management system, product processes, services or change of location or ownership that may affect quality of products, the suppliers approved supplier status, status of any certification or accreditation.

**Supplier Awareness:**

RDS Wire & Cables approved suppliers are aware of that they are expected to operate ethically and assure compliance with all requirements, while accepting full responsibility for the safety and quality of the goods or services provided.

**Foreign Object Damage (FOD)**

The supplier shall use industry standard, commercially reasonable efforts to prevent and/or remove Foreign Objects that might be considered a potential source of Foreign Object Damage ( FOD ) from all parts prior to shipment.