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1 General

1.1 Purpose

This quality assurance program standard (hereinafter referred to as the "standard") specifies the requirements for the quality assurance program that is planned and implemented by the contractor in accordance with the contract for a launch vehicle and spacecraft developed and fabricated by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JAXA"). This standard consists of basic requirements (JIS Q 9100) and JAXA-specific requirements.

Since quality assurance activities, which are implemented by the contractor in accordance with the contract concerning design, fabrication and test of a launch vehicle and spacecraft, are indispensable for mission success, JAXA requires quality assurance activities of the contractor in accordance with this standard.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 Application

This standard shall be applicable when any of the following apply:

- (1) This standard is referred to in a contract or in procurement specifications.
- (2) The contractor proposes to apply this standard to a program, and when it is approved by JAXA.
- (3) This standard is referred to in JAXA requests for proposals.

1.2.2 Relation to other contract requirements

The relation between this standard and other contract requirements shall be as follows:

- (1) If a conflict exists between the requirements of this document and those stated in a contract or procurement specifications, the latter documents shall take precedence.
- (2) This standard does not require a duplication of tasks for other program requirements in a contract, but is to complement them.

1.2.3 Tailoring

- (1) This standard may be tailored on a contractual basis according to the purpose, function, importance, or costs of target articles.
- (2) The contractor may propose appropriate tailoring during contractual negotiation process. Considering factors related to purpose, function, importance and costs of target articles, the contractor shall offer a proposal for

tailoring and the proposal shall be approved by JAXA.

1.3 Normative References

1.3.1 Applicable documents

The following documents constitute a part of this standard within the scope defined by this standard. Unless otherwise specified, the latest version at the conclusion of the contract applies. As for (1), the edition, which the contractor acquires third-party certification, shall be applied.

- (1) JIS Q 9100 Quality Management Systems Requirements for Aviation, Space and Defense Organizations
- (2) Notification No. 16-1 from the Managers of the Safety and Mission Assurance Department and the Contract Department, Inspection implementation Procedure (*)
- (3) JMR-004 Reliability Program Standard(*)
- (4) JMR-006 Configuration Management Standard
- (5) JERG-0-050 Quality Improvement Guideline for Imported Parts in Satellite Development (*)
- (6) JERG-0-051 Quality Improvement Guideline for Imported Components in Satellite Development (*)
- (7) CQM-103003 Procedure for Preparing a Report Concerning the Prevention of the Recurrence of Serious Quality Problems (*)

1.3.2 References

The following documents are references for this standard.

- (1) JERG-0-018 HANDBOOK FOR METHOD OF HUMAN FACTORS ANALISYS (*)
- (2) JERG-0-020 HANDBOOK FOR METHOD OF "QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO" DATA APPLICATION (*)
- (*) Document available only in Japanese.

1.4 Glossary of Terms

Appendix-1 shows the "Glossary of Terms" defines terms utilized in this standard.

1.5 JAXA actions and prerogatives

1.5.1 Surveillance and Source Inspection by JAXA

The contractor shall ensure to receive the surveillance and source inspection by JAXA (including pre-shipment reviews) for confirming the contract implementation status including examining the following:

- (1) If the contractor management system meets the contract requirements.
- (2) If the product satisfies the quality requirements, and complies with the contract requirements.

The surveillance and source inspection shall be performed by representatives or assistant representatives (hereinafter called JAXA representatives) appointed according to Notification No. 16-1 from the Managers of the Safety and Mission Assurance Department and the Contract Department.

These surveillance and source inspection shall also apply to the suppliers of the contractor.

The contractor shall coordinate with JAXA representatives and identify articles to be inspected and subcontracted articles subject to source inspection by JAXA representative.

1.5.2 Support to JAXA representatives

The contractor shall provide the following support to the JAXA representative's activities and ensure the safety for performing their duties:

- (1) Present necessary documents, data and records
- (2) Prepare inspection equipment, samples and materials
- (3) Provide appropriate facilities

2 Quality assurance program management and planning

The contractor shall establish and implement a quality assurance program, which satisfies the requirements of this standard, to assure that the end item satisfies the quality requirements of the contract.

2.1 Basic requirements

Quality assurance program of the contractor shall be in accordance with quality management system which the contactor acquired third-party certification based on JIS Q 9100.

2.2 JAXA-specific requirements

The contractor shall satisfy JAXA-specific requirements specified in paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.17 of this standard. The contractor shall adopt JIS Q 9100-based quality management system effectively and efficiently to implement the JAXA-specific requirements. When tailoring is conducted according to paragraph 1.2.3 of this standard, the tailoring shall take precedence.

2.2.1 Establishment, maintenance and approval of quality assurance program plan

The contractor shall establish quality assurance program plan, which describes the implementation of the quality assurance program according to the requirements of this standard, as required for each contract and obtain JAXA approval. When quality assurance program plan, which was established for another contract with JAXA and approved, is applicable, the contractor may apply that quality assurance program plan by obtaining JAXA approval. When this standard is tailored, the tailoring shall be included in the quality assurance program plan.

The contractor shall re-submit the quality assurance program plan to JAXA where any change is made in the content of the quality assurance program plan, and is required to obtain re-approval whenever JAXA judges it to be important.

2.2.2 Contents of the quality assurance program plan

The contractor shall describe at least the following items in the quality assurance program plan and the format of the plan shall be easily identified with each JAXA-specific requirement in this standard.

The contractor shall refer to Appendix-2, "Quality assurance program documents specifically required by JAXA other than the documents required by JIS Q 9100" and Appendix-3, "Quality records specifically required by JAXA other than the records required by JIS Q 9100" concerning quality assurance program documents and quality records.

- (1) Title, document number, certification number, handling notice of quality manual to implement basic requirements in paragraph 2.1 of this standard.
- (2) A description concerning all organizations involved with JAXA-specific requirements and their functions and responsibilities.
- (3) Descriptions of when, by which organization, and by which methods each task relating to JAXA-specific requirements will be executed and how each task is managed.
- (4) Lists showing the relationship of each task with quality assurance program

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- documents, including internal documents or regulations that are applied for JAXA-specific requirements.
- (5) Identification in the quality assurance program documents list specified in (4) of the documents that utilize existing quality assurance program documents, require changes, or require that new documents be prepared.
- (6) Lists of quality records.
- (7) Identification of tasks that duplicate or complement other program requirements in the contract, as well as details of these tasks.

2.2.3 Submitting quality assurance program documents

The contractor shall submit the quality assurance program documents, in accordance with the following criteria specified in the contract, for the approval, review and notification categories. Appendix-4 shows the documents to be submitted.

- (1) Approval: Documents need JAXA approval prior to application, based on the contract.
- (2) Review: Documents need JAXA evaluation prior to application, based on the contract.
- (3) Notification: Documents received by JAXA based on the contract.

The contractor shall submit quality manual based on JIS Q 9100 to JAXA Safety and Mission Assurance Department.

The contractor shall notify JAXA Safety and Mission Assurance Department of any change in the quality manual.

When the contractor is unable to submit quality manual to JAXA for the contractor's reasons, the contractor shall coordinate with JAXA and follow JAXA's instructions. Even if the contractor is unable to submit quality manual to JAXA, the contractor shall present the quality manual to JAXA.

2.2.4 Use of previously developed articles

The contractor shall verify the quality assurance program applied to the fabrication of the previously developed articles and prove that the use of the previously developed articles does not have a problem when proposing the use of articles procured or fabricated for which the qualification test and development have been completed.

2.2.5 Change control

2.2.5.1 Change control system

The contractor shall establish and maintain a system that controls changes in

design, fabrication processes, inspection methods, and test methods.

- (1) Change control shall be coordinated with the control system based on JMR-006, "Configuration Management Standard", including reporting to, and obtaining approval from, JAXA, and shall be effectively executed.
- (2) Changes that involve interface relationships or affect articles not under the design control of the contractor shall be coordinated with the affected parties. The contractor shall obtain the agreement of the affected parties with the proper documentation.

2.2.6 Responsibilities of quality assurance department at reviews

2.2.6.1 Design review

The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that the design and development are verified and/or validated at the design reviews to be conducted in accordance with JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard".

- (1) Requirements regarding the characteristics required for the various processes to include procurement, fabrication, inspection, and testing. The requirements and the standards, criteria, and specifications applied to these processes are specified, and their contents are deemed appropriate.
- (2) Inspection and test plans are appropriate with respect to quality assurance, and acceptance criteria are clear.
- (3) Workability and testability of the product, and reproducibility of manufacturing are considered.
- (4) Identification control requirements are appropriate.
- (5) Quality assurance requirements in the interface control documents are appropriate.
- (6) Applicable actions of previous nonconformance are reflected.
- (7) Documents required for a quality assurance program are prepared and maintained.

2.2.6.2 Post-qualification-test review

The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that the design and development are verified and/or validated and that the fabrication processes are verified at the post-qualification-test reviews (including post-proto-flight-test reviews) to be conducted in accordance with the reliability program requirements.

(1) Qualification test results are accurately recorded, and technical assessments

are conducted.

- (2) All requirements for qualification are satisfied.
- (3) Changes in design and fabrication processes initiated after critical design are validated.
- (4) Any nonconformance is processed according to paragraph 2.2.14 of this standard, and re-testing is confirmed to be unnecessary.

2.2.6.3 Pre-shipment review

The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that end items are able to be delivered to JAXA at pre-shipment reviews.

- (1) Acceptance test results are accurately recorded, and technical assessments are conducted.
- (2) All quality records are maintained and managed.
- (3) All quality related requirements in the contract are satisfied.
- (4) All nonconformance dispositions are completed.
- (5) Documentation Data package are completed.
- (6) All changes in design and fabrication processes initiated after qualification tests are validated, and such changes are incorporated in the related documents.

2.2.7 Identification control and traceability

The contractor shall control identification and ensure traceability.

2.2.8 Procurement controls

2.2.8.1 Purchasing of imported parts and components

The contractor shall conduct purchasing activities at each stage, including the selection, setting of technical specifications and procurements requirements, the review meeting, the witnessing of manufacturing, and the receiving inspection, with respect to imported parts and components, while referring to JERG-0-050, "Quality Improvement Guideline for Imported Parts in Satellite Development" and JERG-0-051, "Quality Improvement Guideline for Imported Components in Satellite Development".

2.2.9 Fabrication controls

2.2.9.1 Process quality evaluation

The contractor shall compare the important quality characteristics and important processing parameters of the critical items required by JMR-004, "Reliability Program

Standard", with previous similar items (including engineering models) prior to proceeding to the subsequent processes. If there is a discrepancy or change in the data that is deemed to be an anomaly, the departments of the contractor, including the engineering department, shall decide the disposition.

2.2.9.2 Operation life limitation article and material controls

The contractor shall display, record, and maintain the time or cycles required to control the operational life for all articles and materials with definite quality degradation characteristics or characteristic changes with age or use.

2.2.9.3 Cleanliness control

The contractor shall control the fabrication, inspection and test areas in accordance with documented cleanliness requirements for environments, handling, workbenches, tools, and storage containers, and devices or equipment to prevent the contamination of materials.

2.2.9.4 Electrostatic discharge controls

The contractor shall establish and comply with the standards for electrostatic discharge controls for electric parts susceptible to electrostatic discharge and assemblies or devices containing such parts.

2.2.9.5 Control of temporary installed items

The contractor shall control the articles temporarily installed in hardware under fabrication (hereinafter referred to as "temporary installation") based on the following items:

- (1) Temporary installations shall be clearly identified.
- (2) Installation and removal of temporary installations shall be recorded in the fabrication records.

2.2.9.6 Establishing and maintaining fabrication processes

The contractor shall establish and maintain the fabrication processes according to the following procedures:

- (1) The completion of a Critical Design Review (CDR) and matters necessary to take proper measures for the CDR shall be the baseline of change management to establish and maintain the fabrication processes.
- (2) The contractor shall confirm in a Post-Qualification-Test Review (PQR) or an

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equivalent review that the fabrication process has been verified. The confirmation shall constitute the establishment of the authorized fabrication process.

(3) Flight hardware shall be fabricated according to the fabrication instruction document for the established fabrication process. Even if a partial change is made, re-qualification shall be conducted. If there is only a minor change applied, and it clearly shows that the quality of the higher-level products subsequent processes is not affected by the demonstration test and analysis, re-qualification may be exempted by providing sufficient technical basis.

2.2.10 Performing the inspections and tests

The contractor shall conduct inspections and testing according to test specifications, inspection procedures, and other technical documents. The inspections and testing shall be performed on procured and fabricated articles prior to their installation into the next higher level of assembly. The inspections and testing shall also include a review of the inspection and test records. The contractor shall keep records to ensure that each inspection or test is traceable to the individual responsible persons for its completion.

2.2.11 Qualification tests

2.2.11.1 Control of qualification test articles

When the contract requires qualification tests, the contractor shall control articles subject to qualification testing according to the following:

- (1) Test articles shall pass the tests to ensure that they can withstand actual flight or operational use in an environment more severe than can be realistically expected (hereinafter referred to as "actual fight or operational use").
- (2) Test articles shall be identified so they may be distinguished from identical articles for flight or operational use.
- (3) Test articles shall be representative of the articles for actual flight or operational use that are generally fabricated according to the same processes and using the same configuration.
- (4) Test articles shall be selected as randomly as possible.
- (5) The results of the tested articles shall be recorded after testing. Such articles shall not be used for actual flight or operational use, except obtaining special approval of JAXA by technical evaluation or refurbishment.

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2.2.11.2 Re-qualification tests

The contractor shall conduct re-qualification tests when changes have been made to the design, fabrication, or inspection of the qualified articles; when the procurement source is changed; when articles have repeated nonconformance; or when inspection, test, or operational data of actual flight or operational use indicate the need for re-qualification.

When one of the above conditions occurs, the contractor shall conduct the following:

- (1) Provide JAXA with written notification of the changes requested.
- (2) Specify the need for and extent of the re-qualification test.
- (3) Obtain approval of the JAXA representatives when conducting re-qualification tests.

2.2.11.3 Qualification based on similarity

The contractor may request JAXA approval for similar articles outside the scope of the corresponding contract that have been subjected to qualification testing based on their similar uses and utility. In such cases, the contractor shall ensure that the similarity between the articles is established and that the articles have undergone environmental testing resulting in similar, levels, times, and operating conditions at least as stringently as qualification levels required for the articles under the applicable contract.

2.2.12 Reports for qualification tests

The contractor shall prepare reports for every test (including qualification test and acceptance test) according to the contractual requirements.

- (1) Nomenclature and identification number of articles
- (2) Nomenclature and identification number of the articles removed or replaced during testing
- (3) Copies of approved deviations or waivers
- (4) Summary of test data and results
- (5) Historical log of nonconformance
- (6) List of critical items and articles with operating life
- (7) Cumulative operating time or cycle data for articles

2.2.13 Confirmation before and after tests

Prior to and subsequent to qualification testing, proto-flight testing, acceptance testing and/or post-launch-site-delivery-testing, the contractor shall define items to be

confirmed at task briefing, which is held to confirm that preparation activities for the testing are completed, and at task review, which is held to confirm the test results after completion of the testing. The contractor shall confirm the items.

2.2.14 Nonconformance control

2.2.14.1 General

The contractor shall establish and maintain a documented nonconformance processing system to identify and isolate nonconforming articles, disposing of them properly. The system will ensure that corrective actions (hereinafter referred to as "nonconformance dispositions") are taken when the articles do not comply with the requirements specified in the applicable drawings and specifications and when the article's performance is questionable. This system shall be coordinated with the problem/failure requirements specified in JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard".

Appendix-5, "Dispositions of the nonconforming articles" defines the dispositions of the nonconforming articles.

Prior to determining the disposition of nonconforming articles, the contractor shall determine the causes and mechanism for nonconformance as necessary, properly evaluate the level of potential effects, and investigate or analyze the articles to determine the most effective solution.

When nonconformance occurs that will seriously affect the development schedule, costs, or interface, the contractor shall perform the root cause analysis using Appendix-6, "Root Cause Analysis of nonconformance" as reference.

2.2.14.2 Documentation of nonconformance

The contractor shall document all nonconformance. The documentation concerning nonconformance shall state the following items as a minimum:

- (1) Nomenclature and identification number of the nonconforming articles
- (2) Date and process in which nonconformance is detected.
- (3) Nonconformance descriptions and acceptance and rejection criteria.
- (4) Cause of nonconformance.
- (5) Description of nonconformance dispositions
- (6) Distinctions between the Preliminary Reviews (PRs) and Material Review Board (MRB)
- (7) Descriptions of corrective actions
- (8) Names of persons who recorded the descriptions indicated above and signature of the designated board members

2.2.14.3 Preliminary Reviews (PRs)

The designated board member of the contractor's quality assurance department and the designated board member of the contractor's engineering department responsible for designing the nonconforming article shall review the nonconforming article, selecting one of the following disposition methods after consulting with each other. They shall also confer with the fabrication, procurement, and other associated departments as necessary. When technical evaluation is unnecessary for minor rework, scrap and returning to suppliers at receiving inspections, reviews by the designated board member of the contactor's engineering department may be exempted. When the cause of the nonconformance is clearly supplier's fault, the nonconforming articles may be returned to suppliers by designated board member even if the nonconformance occurs after receiving inspections.

- (1) Rework
- (2) Repair
- (3) Scrap
- (4) Use-As-Is
- (5) Return to suppliers
- (6) Submission to MRB: When nonconformance disposition is inappropriate to be determined at PRs, the nonconforming article or material shall be submitted to MRB for final disposition.

2.2.14.4 Review by JAXA representatives

Records of nonconformance disposition which was determined at preliminary reviews shall be reviewed by JAXA representatives when required.

2.2.14.5 Material Review Board (MRB)

2.2.14.5.1 Membership

The Material Review Board (MRB) shall be comprised of at least a representative of the contractor's quality assurance department, a representative of the contractor's engineering department, which is responsible for design of nonconforming articles, and a JAXA representative. Each member may designate one or more agents. The board members of the contractor and their agents shall possess the authority and technical expertise adequate to determine dispositions. The board members of the contractor and their agents shall be approved by JAXA representatives. When determining the disposition, opinions of associated departments of the contractor shall be referenced.

2.2.14.5.2 Responsibility

The Material Review Board (MRB) shall perform the following:

- (1) Determine the disposition of the nonconforming articles or materials based on the results of adequate analysis and investigation, and confirm that proper dispositions have been implemented according to the decisions made.
- (2) Ensure that appropriate and effective corrective actions are documented on the nonconformance document.
- (3) Submit the application to JAXA for nonconformance dispositions requiring JAXA approval according to paragraph 2.2.14.6 of this standard, and verify their implementation after JAXA approval is obtained.
- (4) Ensure that MRB decisions are recorded.

2.2.14.5.3 Disposition determination by MRB

The MRB shall select one of the following for disposing of nonconforming articles or materials submitted to it.

Concurrence of all board members is required to select any disposition other than scrap. The MRB shall consider the effects of the nonconformance with regard to the purposes of article usage, check the record of disposition on previous nonconformance applied to identical articles, and consider the opinions of experts when determining dispositions.

- (1) Rework
- (2) Repair
- (3) Scrap
- (4) Use-As-Is
- (5) Return to suppliers
- (6) Recommendation to JAXA: When disposition of the nonconforming articles or materials is other than above (1) (5), or when the MRB recommends use-as-is or repair, recommendations shall be submitted to JAXA according to paragraph 2.2.14.6 of this standard.

2.2.14.6 Application to JAXA

The contractor shall apply to JAXA for a waiver in accordance with JMR-006, "Configuration Management Standard", where applicable to paragraph 2.2.14.5.3(6) of this standard. The application shall include application details, reasons and the MRB's recommendations, and shall be approved by JAXA through MRB.

2.2.14.7 Confirmation on disposition implementation

The contractor's quality assurance department shall confirm that the dispositions of the nonconforming articles or materials shall be implemented as determined in the preliminary reviews and the MRB.

2.2.14.8 Corrective actions

Considering the severity of the nonconformance, the contractor shall notify associated organizations of the nonconformance and shall feedback corrective actions to the associated organizations securely and systematically.

2.2.14.9 Measures to prevent the recurrence of serious quality problems

If a serious quality problem occurs, the contractor shall immediately prepare a report concerning the prevention of the recurrence of serious quality problems, obtain the signature of the person responsible for the quality system, and submit it to the Safety and Mission Assurance Department of JAXA, according to CQM-103003, "Procedure for Preparing a Report Concerning the Prevention of the Recurrence of Serious Quality Problems".

2.2.14.10 Material Review Board at supplier

The contractor may, with approval of JAXA representative, delegate the MRB responsibility for the applicable articles or materials to suppliers. In such a case, the contractor shall review and confirm the MRB results at the supplier's MRB as part of the procurement control.

2.2.14.11 Utilization of JAXA database

The contractor shall submit the following nonconformance data for input into the electronic database system designated by JAXA. The contractor shall also utilize the JAXA database for nonconformance control at facilities.

- (1) Major nonconformance at the development and production phases shall be reported to the Critical Design Review.
- (2) Nonconformance submitted to MRB

2.2.14.12 Utilization of "QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO" data

When a QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO event occurs, the contractor shall collect, analyze, and use QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO data to prevent nonconformance. To do

so, the contractor may refer to JERG-0-020, "HANDBOOK FOR METHOD OF "QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO" DATA APPLICATION".

The contractor shall report regularly or as necessary concerning QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO events that may seriously affect the development schedule, costs, or interface when ordered by JAXA representative.

If an approach equivalent to those described in this handbook or a superior approach is available, it may be used. In that case, too, the contractor shall report to JAXA representative as described above.

2.2.15 Records of articles

The contractor shall prepare and maintain the records of each article to be delivered in order to control the history of the articles. Each record shall identify the pertinent articles and be prepared starting from the lowest level of assembly, and recording the sequence of fabrication, inspection, and test operations, as well as storage and transportation, as well as identify the recorder and his/her post. The record shall either include the following or reference other documents:

- As-designed configuration data
 Baseline configuration, approved changes, and deviations
- (2) As-built configuration data

 Parts list, drawings, specifications, changes, deviations, waivers, and identification data
- (3) Fabrication history
 Assembly and disassembly instructions and histories of coordination, repair, rework, or exchange
- (4) Inspections and test records Specifications, procedures, results, and variables data
- (5) Nonconformance recordsNonconformance descriptions and dispositions
- (6) Cumulative operating time or cycles
 Operating time or cycles of tests and storage duration

2.2.16 Documentation Data package

When submission of the documentation data package with shipment is specified in the contract, the contractor shall attach the data including component list, equipment log, or nonconformance historical log, as well as necessary documents for identification, maintenance, corrosion prevention and handling of the articles to be shipped. The documentation data package shall include the historical logs of the items whose records are particularly effective for quality assurance, in addition to those of the items identified as reliability control items according to JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard". The contractor shall coordinate with JAXA representative beforehand and determine the items to include the historical logs in the documentation data package. The packages or containers for storing or shipping the end-items shall display the locations of the documentation data package as necessary. The documentation data package attached to the JAXA-furnished articles and JAXA properties shall be maintained to the extent necessary.

2.2.17 Retention of quality records

The contractor shall identify quality records to be retained and define the retention periods of the quality records conferencing with JAXA, and shall retained the quality records for investigation determining the cause of nonconformance in operation phase after delivery. Quality records to be retained shall include supplier's quality records as necessary.

Appendix-1 Glossary of Terms

Acceptance test

Test to verify that each article is acceptable as flight hardware.

Analysis (of nonconformance)

The study of a specific nonconformance in order to determine its causes and mechanism, and implement remedial and corrective action.

Approval (by JAXA)

Formal approval by JAXA on approval inquiry documents.

Approval (by JAXA representative)

To obtain JAXA representatives' approval on documents including technical memorandum.

Article

Hardware or a part of hardware required in the contract. The articles include software integrated into the hardware.

As-Build Configuration

Article configuration after completion of fabrication and testing.

As-Designed Configuration

Article configuration at the determination of design.

Characteristics

Dimensional, visual, functional, mechanical, electrical, chemical, physical and material characteristics of articles and materials or their nature. Design, fabrication, and operational control factors for articles and materials are described and established based on their characteristics.

Contractor

An individual or corporation who enters into a prime contract with JAXA. Contractor is described as "organization" in JIS Q 9100.

Corrective Action

Action taken to preclude the cause of nonconformance and to prevent recurrence of the same or similar nonconformance. Such actions can be changes in design, fabrication, inspection, test methods and procedures, training, education, or transportation. It is synonymous with permanent action and treatment to prevent recurrence.

Deterioration

To become impaired in quality or performance, and therefore not meeting specified limitations.

Disposition

Actions performed on a non-conforming article to restore it to a usable condition by removing unsatisfactory conditions, or the act of re-fabricating the article. The details of dispositions are determined in a Preliminary Review or by a Material Review Board. The disposition "use-as-is", where the article is used despite a nonconforming condition even though it is still usable. Disposition can include: the article is returned to supplier; or the article is scrapped, where the article will be delivered again or re-fabricated.

End Item

The articles delivered to JAXA according to the contract.

Fabrication

The act of manufacturing, inspection and/or testing of the launch vehicles and satellites of which design has been determined to deliver to JAXA.

Important processing parameter

A controllable factor (parameter) in processing that seriously affects the important quality characteristics of an item. For example, brazing blazing temperature and heating time, arc welding current value and speed.

Important quality characteristics

Characteristics of items, components, or materials (half-finished or finished goods) of which variations critically affect the performance, service life, mission accomplishment, etc. For example, the amount of lubricant inserted into a bearing unit, the activation timing or the leakage amount of valves in the assembly of an engine.

Manufacturing

The act of producing the article as instructed in drawings; the processes include parts processing, fabrication and completion of the assembly. Machining, processing, bonding, welding, soldering, thermal treatment, finishing, or assembly, are included in the manufacturing.

Materials

The substances that comprise an article through processing. The materials include steel products, wires and adhesive agents.

Nonconformance

A condition of any article or material or service in which one or more characteristics do not comply with specified requirements. These include failures, discrepancies, defects, insufficiencies and malfunctions.

Qualification

Determination of an article being capable of meeting all prescribed requirements. Objects include design, manufacturing, inspection, testing, and their associated technical documents.

Quality

The necessary composites of all the attributes or characteristics, including performance of an item or product, to satisfy the mission of end-items such as functions, performances, and weights.

Quality Assurance

A planned system of all actions necessary to ensure that the end items will satisfy all quality requirements specified.

Quality Assurance Program Documents

Generic name of the documents necessary to implement the quality assurance of the products, but the quality record will be excluded.

Quality Assurance Program Requirements

The requirements necessary to implement the tasks required for the quality assurance

program.

Quality HIYARI-HATTO

An event related to quality that may lead to the occurrence of nonconformance in rockets, satellites, etc. if one or more factors are added.

Quality Information

Information for the quality or quality assurance that is part of the information obtained from implementing the contract.

Surveillance and Source Inspection

JAXA's continuous surveillance and source inspection to ensure the quality of the articles and the implementation status of the contractor's quality management (for example, Mandatory Inspection Point (MIP)).

Source Inspection of subcontracted Articles

JAXA's act of deciding important articles with the contractor in developing a product and inspecting the quality of the product, and checking whether suppliers who fabricate the items have satisfied the quality requirements.

Quality Record

Generic name for documents in which the results of quality assurance programs, or data for article quality, are recorded.

Quality Requirements

The requirements regarding quality characteristics that the articles should satisfy.

Repair

Work performed on a nonconforming article or material to place it in a useable and acceptable condition. Repair work usually requires additional written procedures and additional work.

Rework

Work or continuation of work to complete the articles or comply with drawings, specifications, written procedures, or contractual requirements where the articles are incomplete or in a slight nonconforming state.

Serious Quality Problem

- ① When deliveries are delayed or the (probable or definite) cause of an operation (launching or tracking control) accident or nonconformance is attributable to a serious error or oversight in the design, fabrication, or operation process
- ② When serious nonconformance in the quality system is found in the reliability/quality assurance audit or the system element evaluation
- 3 When nonconformance caused by a deliberate act such as the falsification of data is found just before or after delivery

Subcontract

A contract or purchase order made by a supplier under a JAXA contract. The subcontract includes orders issued to subdivisions of the contractors.

Subcontracted Articles subject to Source Inspection
Subcontracted articles or materials that are subject to source inspection

Suppliers

Person, company or business office dealing directly with the contractor and supplying articles and materials to the contractor. Suppliers include subdivisions of the same company and collaborative companies.

Tailoring

The act of changing the requirements to comply with applicable objects by selecting or rewriting the existing requirements, considering the conditions of the object the requirements are to be applied to.

Temporary Installations

Articles installed temporarily while producing the articles for fabrication, inspection, or testing reasons. Temporary installations include Non-Flight Item (NFI).

Test

The act of confirming function, performance or characteristics of samples or associated equipment by operating it electrically, physically or mechanically to obtain data.

Variation Tree Analysis

A technique devised to analyze the human factors for nonconformance. The analysis technique, based on the Fault Tree Analysis (FTA), incorporates the concept of the flow of time enabling us to easily understand the nonconformance occurrence processes. It is very effective, particularly in interface adjustment or communication where a relatively large amount of information flows, because of its peculiar description method. The study of variable factors (exclusion nodes) that must be eliminated to prevent nonconformance and points (breaks) that cut off a chain of variable factors, etc. from the schematic tree will provide clues for taking measures against nonconformance.

Why-Why analysis

This technique searches for nonconformance factors without omission in a methodical and orderly manner. This technique is characterized by not requiring special training. First, identify possible causes for the occurrence of the relevant nonconformance by speculating about the reason why. Second, track down each of the causes by speculating about the reason why repeatedly, looking for about five different alternatives, until the root cause is identified.

Appendix-2 Quality assurance program documents specifically required by JAXA other than the documents required by JIS Q 9100

DOCUMETS	APPLICABLE PARAGRAPH
Quality Assurance Program Plan	2.2.1
Cleanliness Control Requirements	2.2.9.3
Electrostatic Discharge Control Rule	2.2.9.4
Nonconformance Processing System Rules	2.2.14.1

Note: When the documents, which satisfy requirements of above paragraphs, are already established and implemented under the contractor's quality management system based on JIS Q 9100, the documents may be applicable (except for the quality assurance program plan).

Appendix-3 $\,$ Quality records specifically required by JAXA other than the records required by JIS Q 9100 $\,$

DOCUMENTS	APPLICABLE PARAGRAPH					
Operation Life Control Records	2.2.9.2					
Temporary Installation Records	2.2.9.5					
Notification of the Qualification Change	2.2.11.2					
Records of Cumulative Operating Time or Cycl	le Data 2.2.12					
Nonconformance Document	2.2.14.2					
Report Concerning the Prevention of the Recurrence of						
Serious Quality Problems	2.2.14.9					
Article Records	2.2.15					
Documentation Data package	2.2.16					

Note: Quality records other than above documents shall be prepared according to the contractor's quality management system based on JIS Q 9100, except for contractual requirements.

Appendix-4 Documents to be submitted

Document title	Applicable	Submission	JAXA
	Paragraph	Schedule	Action
Quality manual	2.2.3	A month after	Notification
		contract	
Quality assurance program plan	2.2.1	A month after	Approval
		contract	
Report concerning the prevention of	2.2.14.9	Immediately after	Notification
the recurrence of serious quality		a serious quality	
problems		problem is	
		identified	
Nonconformance document (MRB)	2.2.14.2	At MRB review	Review
Documentation Data package	2.2.16	Delivery time	Review

Note: Above list is general standard and nomenclature of documents, submission schedule and JAXA action shall be in accordance with each contractual requirement.

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Appendix-5 Dispositions of the nonconforming articles

Each disposition of the nonconforming articles is as follows:

(1) Rework

[PR and MRB]

If all the work on the articles has not been completed or if the nonconformance is too insignificant to impact functions, performance and reliability of the end items, and if the articles can be completed to meet the requirements specified in the drawings and specifications with work performed according to the existing technical documents or work instructions, the articles shall be reworked. The rework shall be recorded, and the reworked articles shall be subject to the standard inspections and testes during or after work.

(2) Repair

[PR]

If the causes of nonconformance are clear, and if the nonconformance is clearly so insignificant that repair will not affect functions, performance and reliability of the end items, or if standard repair procedures approved by the MRB apply, the articles shall be repaired. However, nonconformance occurring in the parts which interface with other articles and which causes recurring nonconformance shall be submitted to the MRB. When the standard repair procedures require changes, the procedures need to be re-approved by the MRB. The repair shall be conducted following the procedures and shall be recorded.

[MRB]

When the MRB acknowledges that the nonconforming articles may be satisfactorily repaired, they shall be repaired. The MRB shall establish or approve the required repair procedures. These procedures shall include the appropriate inspections and tests to confirm the acceptance or rejection of the test results. Repair work shall be performed according to the procedures and shall be recorded. When the contractor repairs the procured articles on its own, it shall do so after conferencing with the supplier and obtaining the advice and approval of the supplier. When the supplier repairs the nonconforming articles that are determined to be returned to the supplier because of their nonconforming disposition, the contractor and the supplier's MRB shall review the articles, depending on the nature of the repair.

(3) Scrap

[PR and MRB]

If the nonconforming article or material is obviously unfit for use at PRs, or if the MRB judges the nonconforming article or material unfit for use, it shall be scrapped. The articles shall be identified for scrap by using stamps, labels, tags, etc., according to the contractor's procedures for identifying, controlling, and disposing of these items.

(4) Use-as-is

[PR]

If the causes of nonconformance are clear, and if nonconformance is clearly so insignificant that the use of the nonconforming articles as they are will not affect functions, performance, or reliability of the end items, or if the nonconforming articles will pass the classification criteria approved by the MRB, the articles shall be used as they are. Nonconformance occurring in parts interfacing with other articles and with recurring nonconformance shall be submitted to the MRB. The rationale for "use-as-is" shall be stated in the nonconformance documents.

[MRB]

If the nonconformance will not affect the fundamental objectives of the contract such as safety, reliability, durability, functions, performance, interchangeability, and weight, and if the MRB judges that using the nonconforming articles without repair is appropriate, the articles shall be used as they are. The rationale for their "use-as-is" shall be stated in the nonconformance documents.

(5) Return to suppliers

[PR and MRB]

When a procured article or material is found to be nonconforming in the processes after the acceptance test, it shall generally be returned to the supplier. The contractor shall provide the supplier with nonconformance descriptions and with recommendations as necessary, when returning the nonconforming article or material.

Appendix-6 Root Cause Analysis of a nonconformance

When the contractor controls nonconforming product in accordance with paragraph 8.3, "Control of Nonconforming Product", of JIS Q 9100, JAXA recommends following root cause analysis of a nonconformance.

The contractor shall use the "HANDBOOK FOR METHOD OF HUMAN FACTORS ANALYSIS" (JERG-0-018) for root cause analysis. If an approach equivalent to those described in this handbook or superior approach is available, it may be used. The results of the root cause analysis analyses should be reported to JAXA through MRB as necessary.

(1) Variation tree analysis

If two or more departments or agencies are involved in the process of addressing nonconformance, a variation tree analysis is preferable. A variation tree analysis should be combined with a "Why-Why Analysis" described below as necessary.

(2) Why-Why Analysis

A Breakdown Cause Analysis or "Why-Why" Analysis is methodically preferable without omission to search for nonconformance factors including the motivating background. The reason for nonconformance should be investigated until the root causes leading to corrective action is identified.

Appendix-7 The rationale of JAXA-specific requirements (Note: Paragraph number of JIS Q 9100 is according to JIS Q 9100:2009)

(Note: Paragraph number of JIS Q 9100 is according to JIS Q 9100:2009)							
JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale						
2.2 JAXA-specific requirements	It is specified that the contractor shall						
The contractor shall satisfy JAXA-specific	satisfy JAXA-specific requirements.						
requirements specified in paragraphs 2.2.1 to							
2.2.17 of this standard. The contractor shall							
adopt JIS Q 9100-based quality management							
system effectively and efficiently to							
implement the JAXA-specific requirements.							
When tailoring is conducted according to							
paragraph 1.2.3 of this standard, the							
tailoring shall take precedence.							
2.2.1 Establishment, maintenance and	This standard presupposes that the						
approval of quality assurance program plan	contactor establishes quality assurance						
The contractor shall establish quality	program plan and implement quality						
assurance program plan, which describes the	assurance activities in accordance with						
implementation of the quality assurance	the quality assurance program plan.						
program according to the requirements of	It is specified as JAXA-specific						
this standard, as required for each contract	requirement that the contractor shall						
and obtain JAXA approval. When quality	establish and maintain the quality						
assurance program plan, which was	assurance program plan.						
established for another contract with JAXA							
and approved, is applicable, the contractor							
may apply the quality assurance program							
plan by obtaining JAXA approval. When							
this standard is tailored, the tailoring shall							
be included in quality assurance program							
plan.							
The contractor shall re-submit quality							
assurance program plan to JAXA where any							
change is made in the content of the quality							
assurance program plan, and is required to							
obtain re-approval whenever JAXA judges it							
to be important.							

JAXA-specific Requirements

2.2.2 Contents of quality assurance program plan

The contractor shall describe at least the following items in
the quality assurance program plan and the format of the
plan shall be easily identified with each JAXA-specific
requirement in this standard.

The contractor shall refer to Appendix-2, "Quality assurance program documents specifically required by JAXA other than the documents required by JIS Q 9100" and Appendix-3, "Quality records specifically required by JAXA other than the records required by JIS Q 9100" concerning quality assurance program documents and quality records.

- (1) Title, document number, certification number, handling notice of quality manual to implement basic requirements in paragraph 2.1 of this standard.
- (2) A description concerning all organizations involved with JAXA-specific requirements and their functions and responsibilities.
- (3) Descriptions of when, by which organization, and by which methods each task relating to JAXA-specific requirements will be executed and how each task is managed.
- (4) Lists showing the relationship of each task with quality assurance program documents, including internal documents or regulations that are applied for JAXA-specific requirements.
- (5) Identification in the quality assurance program documents list specified in (4) of the documents that utilize existing quality assurance program documents, require changes, or require that new documents be prepared.
- (6) Lists of quality records.
- (7) Identification of tasks that duplicate or complement other program requirements in the contract, as well as details of these tasks.

Rationale

Contents of quality assurance program plan are specified as JAXA-specific requirements to confirm that the requirements are properly described in the quality assurance program plan. Item (1) is specified to confirm that the quality assurance program plan satisfies basic requirements. Items (2) – (7) are specified to confirm that the quality assurance program plan satisfies JAXA-specific requirements.

As references, appendix-2 and appendix-3 show quality assurance program documents and quality records specifically required by JAXA other than the documents and records required by JIS Q 9100.

JAXA-specific Requirements

2.2.3 Submitting quality assurance program documents

The contractor shall submit the quality assurance program documents, in accordance with the following criteria specified in the contract, for the approval, review and notification categories. Appendix-4 shows the documents to be submitted.

- (1) Approval: Documents need JAXA approval prior to application, based on the contract.
- (2) Review: Documents need JAXA evaluation prior to application, based on the contract.
- (3) Notification: Documents received by JAXA based on the contract.

The contractor shall submit quality manual based on JIS Q 9100 to JAXA Safety and Mission Assurance Department (The contractor shall notify JAXA Safety and Mission Assurance Department of the quality manual).

The contractor shall notify JAXA Safety and Mission Assurance Department of any change in the quality manual.

When the contractor is unable to submit quality manual to JAXA for the contractor's reasons, the contractor shall coordinate with JAXA and follow JAXA's instructions. Even if the contractor is unable to submit quality manual to JAXA, the contractor shall present the quality manual to JAXA.

Rationale

Criteria for submitting quality assurance program documents shall be specified as contractual requirements. The criteria are specified in this standard as in other JAXA standards. Appendix-4 shows documents to be submitted.

JIS Q 9100 is considered as basic requirements for this standard. It is specified as JAXA-specific requirement that the contractor shall submit quality manual to JAXA (notify JAXA of quality manual) to confirm that the contractor implements quality assurance program in accordance with JIS Q 9100.

The transaction of changes in the quality manual is also specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

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2.2.4 Use of previously developed articles The contractor shall verify the quality assurance program applied to the fabrication of the previously developed articles and prove that the use of the previously developed articles does not have a problem when proposing the use of articles procured or fabricated for which the qualification test and development have been completed.

Rationale

Use of previously developed articles is confirmed at paragraph 7.3.4, "Design and Development Review" of JIS Q 9100. Although the contractor shall ensure that records provide evidence that the product meets the defined requirements where required to demonstrate product qualification according to paragraph 8.2.4, "Monitoring and Measurement of Product" in JIS Q 9100, definite requirements are not specified. Supposing the diversion of previously developed articles, the use of previously developed articles is specified as JAXA-specific requirement. When the product includes previously developed articles, and when the quality assurance level of the previously developed articles is not ensured to be equivalent to the requirements of this standard, quality assurance level of complete product is not ensured. Therefore JAXA needs to confirm quality assurance level of the previously developed articles as a matter of course.

2.2.5 Change control

(Title)

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.5.1 Change control system	The contractor shall establish,
The contractor shall establish and maintain a	implement and maintain a
system that controls changes in design,	configuration management process,
fabrication processes, inspection methods,	which includes change control,
and test methods.	according to paragraph 7.1.3,
(1) Change control shall be coordinated with	"Configuration Management" of JIS Q
the control system based on JMR-006,	9100. Considering the relationship
"Configuration Management Standard",	between this standard and JMR-006,
including reporting to, and obtaining	"Configuration Management
approval from, JAXA, and shall be effectively	Standard", especially approval by
executed.	JAXA, change control is specified as
(2) Changes that involve interface	JAXA-specific requirement for
relationships or affect articles not under the	clarification.
design control of the contractor shall be	Since the coordination and agreement
coordinated with the affected parties. The	concerning changes in interface
contractor shall obtain the agreement of the	requirements are important from the
affected parties with the proper	point of view of nonconformance
documentation.	prevention, the coordination and
	agreement are also specified as
	JAXA-specific requirements.
2.2.6 Responsibilities of quality assurance	(Title)
department at reviews	

2.2.6.1 Design review

The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that the design and development are verified and/or validated at the design reviews to be conducted in accordance with JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard".

- (1) Requirements regarding the characteristics required for the various processes to include procurement, fabrication, inspection, and testing. The requirements and the standards, criteria, and specifications applied to these processes are specified, and their contents are deemed appropriate.
- (2) Inspection and test plans are appropriate with respect to quality assurance, and acceptance criteria are clear.
- (3) Workability and testability of the product, and reproducibility of manufacturing are considered..
- (4) Identification control requirements are appropriate.
- (5) Quality assurance requirements in the interface control documents are appropriate.
- (6) Applicable actions of previous nonconformance are reflected.
- (7) Documents required for a quality assurance program are prepared and maintained.

Rationale

Design reviews are required in paragraph 7.3.4, "Design and Development Review" of JIS Q 9100. The design reviews are also important as quality assurance activities for development and fabrication of a launch vehicle and spacecraft, considering the relationship between design reviews and project management. It is specified that the design reviews shall be conducted in accordance with JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard", and responsibilities of the quality assurance department of the contractor at design reviews are specified. This standard does not require the quality assurance department of the contractor to conduct all items (1) - (7), but requires the quality assurance department of the contractor to evaluate that the items (1) - (7) are confirmed definitely as an organization.

- 2.2.6.2 Post-qualification-test review
 The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that the design and development are verified and/or validated and that the fabrication processes are verified at the post-qualification-test reviews (including post-proto-flight-test reviews) to be conducted in accordance with the reliability program requirements.
- (1) Qualification test results are accurately recorded, and technical assessments are conducted.
- (2) All requirements for qualifications are satisfied.
- (3) Changes in design and fabrication processes initiated after critical design are validated.
- (4) Any nonconformance is processed according to paragraph 2.2.14 of this standard, and re-testing is confirmed to be unnecessary.

Rationale

This paragraph 2.2.6.2 is to provide an additional explanation for paragraph 7.3.6, "Design Development Validation" of JIS Q 9100.

As in design review, considering the relationship between post-qualification-test reviews and project management, it is specified that the post-qualification-test reviews shall be conducted in accordance with JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard", and responsibilities of the quality assurance department of the contractor at design reviews are specified.

This standard does not require the quality assurance department of the contractor to conduct all items (1) - (4), but requires the quality assurance department of the contractor to evaluate that the items (1) - (4) are confirmed definitely as an organization.

2.2.6.3 Pre-shipment review

The quality assurance department of the contractor shall evaluate the following to ensure that end items are able to be delivered to JAXA at pre-shipment reviews.

- (1) Acceptance test results are accurately recorded, and technical assessments are conducted.
- (2) All quality records are maintained and managed.
- (3) All quality related requirements in the contract are satisfied.
- (4) All nonconformance dispositions are completed.
- (5) Documentation Data package are completed.
- (6) All changes in design and fabrication processes initiated after qualification tests are validated, and such changes are incorporated in the related documents.

Rationale

The contractor shall plan and carry out production and service provision under controlled conditions including the implementation of product release, delivery and post-delivery activities according to the paragraph 7.5.1 "Control of Production and Service Provision", item f) of JIS Q 9100. Records shall indicate the person(s) authorizing release of product for delivery to the customer according to paragraph 8.2.4, "Monitoring and Measurement of Product" of JIS Q 9100. This paragraph 2.2.6.3 is to provide an additional explanation for paragraph 7.5.1, item f) and paragraph 8.2.4 of JIS Q 9100.

Considering the relationship between pre-shipment review and project management, responsibilities of the quality assurance department of the contractor at pre-shipment reviews are specified.

This standard does not require the quality assurance department of the contractor to conduct all items (1) - (6), but requires the quality assurance department of the contractor to evaluate that the items (1) - (6) are confirmed definitely as an organization.

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.7 Identification control and	Where traceability is a requirement,
traceability	the contractor shall control the unique
The contractor shall control identification	identification of the product and
and ensure traceability.	maintain records according to
	paragraph 7.5.3, "Identification and
	Traceability" of JIS Q 9100.
	This is the reason why traceability is
	specified as JAXA-specific requirement.
2.2.8 Procurement controls	(Title)
2.2.8.1 Purchasing of imported parts and	Purchasing of imported parts and
components	components is specified as
The contractor shall conduct purchasing	JAXA-specific requirement to apply
activities at each stage, including the	JERG 0-050, "Quality Improvement
selection, setting of technical specifications	Guideline for Imported Parts in
and procurements requirements, the review	Satellite Development" and
meeting, the witnessing of manufacturing,	JERG-0-051, "Quality Improvement
and the receiving inspection, with respect to	Guideline for Imported Components in
imported parts and components, while	Satellite Development".
referring to JERG-0-050, "Quality	Since a lot of nonconformance has
Improvement Guideline for Imported Parts in	occurred in imported parts and
Satellite Development" and JERG-0-051,	components, purchasing of imported
"Quality Improvement Guideline for	parts and components is specified as
Imported Components in Satellite	JAXA-specific requirement.
Development".	
2.2.9 Fabrication controls	(Title)

2.2.9.1 Process quality evaluation The contractor shall compare the important quality characteristics and important processing parameters of the critical items required by JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard", with previous similar items (including engineering models) prior to proceeding to the subsequent processes. If there is a discrepancy or change in the data that is deemed to be an anomaly, the departments of the contractor, including the engineering department, shall decide the disposition.

2.2.9.2 Operation life limitation article and material controls

The contractor shall display, record, and maintain the time or cycles required to control the operational life for all articles and materials with definite quality degradation characteristics or characteristic changes with age or use.

Rationale

General production control is required in paragraph 7.5, "Production and Service Provision" - paragraph 7.5.1, "Control of Production and Service Provision" of JIS Q 9100. Control requirements for important quality characteristics and important processing parameters as process control methods for nonconformance prevention are specified in JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard". Key characteristics are described in JIS Q 9100. Since the definitions of "important quality characteristics" and "key characteristics" are different from each other, process quality evaluation is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

Requirement, which is similar to paragraph 2.2.9.2 of this standard, is specified for shelf life control and stock rotation in paragraph 7.5.5, item e) of JIS Q 9100. It is considered that shelf life control of JIS Q 9100 is applicable only to storage life. Since the requirement in this standard is applicable to operation life including operating time and cycles, the operation life limitation article and material controls are specified as JAXA-specific requirements.

2.2.9.3 Cleanliness control

The contractor shall control the fabrication, inspection and test areas in accordance with documented cleanliness requirements for environments, handling, workbenches, tools, and storage containers, and devices or equipment to prevent the contamination of materials.

Rationale

The contractor shall determine and manage the work environment needed to achieve conformity to product requirements according to paragraph 6.4, "Work Environment" of JIS Q 9100. The contractor shall preserve the product and the preservation of product shall include cleaning, prevention, detection and removal of foreign objects according to paragraph 7.5.5, "Preservation of Product" of JIS Q 9100. Cleanliness is one of work environment. Where cleanliness is specified in product requirements, cleanliness control is required. Since JAXA requires a wider range of cleanliness control and establishment of documented cleanliness requirements for environments, handling, workbenches, tools, and storage containers, and devices or equipment used to prevent the contamination of materials, cleanliness control is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

2.2.9.4 Electrostatic discharge controls The contractor shall establish and comply with the standards for electrostatic discharge controls for electric parts susceptible to electrostatic discharge and assemblies or devices containing such parts.

Rationale

Although work environment control is required in paragraph 6.4, "Work Environment" of JIS Q 9100, the term "electrostatic" is not shown (the term was shown in JIS Q 9100:2004).

When electrical parts are damaged by electrostatic discharge, there are risks of cost increase, schedule delay, and workmanship-error concerning refurbish. Since a lot of nonconformance by electrostatic discharge has occurred, electrostatic discharge controls are specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

- 2.2.9.5 Control of temporary installed items
 The contractor shall control the articles
 temporarily installed in hardware under
 fabrication (hereinafter referred to as
 "temporary installation") based on the
 following items:
- (1) Temporary installations shall be clearly identified.
- (2) Installation and removal of temporary installations shall be recorded in the fabrication records.

Control of temporary installed items is required in paragraph 7.5.1, "Control of Production and Service Provision", item i), "provision for the prevention, detection and removal of foreign objects" of JIS Q 9100. In some cases the control of temporary installed items is considered to be control of remaining foreign objects in JIS Q 9100. Since it is not possible to access to the temporary installed items onboard spacecraft on-orbit differently on the ground, special attention shall be given to the temporary installed items. Since the requirement for the control of temporary installed items is a launch vehicle- and spacecraft-specific, the control of temporary installed items is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

2.2.9.6 Establishing and maintaining fabrication processes

The contractor shall establish and maintain the fabrication processes according to the following procedures:

- (1) The completion of a Critical Design Review (CDR) and matters necessary to take proper measures for the CDR shall be the baseline of change management to establish and maintain the fabrication processes.
- (2) The contractor shall confirm in a Post-Qualification-Test Review (PQR) or an equivalent review that the fabrication process has been verified. The confirmation shall constitute the establishment of the authorized fabrication process.
- (3) Flight hardware shall be fabricated according to the fabrication instruction document for the established fabrication process. Even if a partial change is made, re-qualification shall be conducted. If there is only a minor change applied, and it clearly shows that the quality of the higher-level products subsequent processes is not affected by the demonstration test and analysis, re-qualification may be exempted by providing sufficient technical basis.

Rationale

Establishing and maintaining fabrication processes are required in paragraph 7.5.1.1, "Production Process Verification", paragraph 7.5.1.2, "Control of Production Process Changes", and paragraph 7.5.1.3, "Control of Production Equipment, Tools and Software Programs" of JIS Q 9100. Although JIS Q 9100 emphasizes that production process shall be verified by first article inspection, JAXA requires the contractor to establish fabrication processes at design reviews. It is specified as JAXA-specific requirement that the contractor shall conduct change control firmly after establishing baseline of fabrication processes and that the contractor shall conduct re-qualification where change is made.

2.2.10 Performing the inspections and tests
The contractor shall conduct inspections and
testing according to test specifications,
inspection procedures, and other technical
documents. The inspections and testing
shall be performed on procured and
fabricated articles prior to their installation
into the next higher level of assembly. The
inspections and testing shall also include a
review of the inspection and test records.
The contractor shall keep records to ensure
that each inspection or test is traceable to the
individual responsible persons for its
completion.

Rationale

Evidence that all production and inspection/verification operations have been completed as planned, or as otherwise documented and authorized, is required in paragraph 7.5.1, "Control of Production and Service Provision", item h) of JIS Q 9100. The contractor shall plan and carry out production and service provision considering identification of in-process inspection/verification points when adequate verification of conformance cannot be performed at later stages of realization according to paragraph 7.5.1 of JIS Q 9100. The contractor shall monitor and measure the characteristics of the product at appropriate stages of the product realization process according to paragraph 8.2.4, "Monitoring and Measurement of Product" of JIS Q 9100.

Since JAXA definitely requires the contractor to conduct inspections and testing prior to installations of procured and fabricated articles into the next higher level of assembly and to ensure that each inspection or test is traceable to the individual responsible persons for its completion, performing the inspections and tests is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

2.2.11 Qualification tests

(Title)

- 2.2.11.1 Control of qualification test articles When the contract requires qualification tests, the contractor shall control articles subject to qualification testing according to the following:
- (1) Test articles shall pass the tests to ensure that they can withstand actual flight or operational use in an environment more severe than can be realistically expected (hereinafter referred to as "actual fight or operational use").
- (2) Test articles shall be identified so they may be distinguished from identical articles for flight or operational use.
- (3) Test articles shall be representative of the articles for actual flight or operational use that are generally fabricated according to the same processes and using the same configuration.
- (4) Test articles shall be selected as randomly as possible.
- (5) The results of the tested articles shall be recorded after testing. Such articles shall not be used for actual flight or operational use, except obtaining special approval of JAXA by technical evaluation or refurbishment.

Rationale

The contractor shall define test objectives and conditions, parameters to be recorded and relevant acceptance criteria in test plans or specifications, and shall submit the correct configuration of the product for the test according to paragraph 7.3.6.1, "Design and Development Verification and Verification Testing" of JIS Q 9100. Where required to demonstrate product qualification, the contractor shall ensure that records provide evidence that the product meets the defined requirements according to paragraph 8.2.4, "Monitoring and Measurements of Product" of JIS Q 9100. Since qualification test for a launch vehicle and spacecraft corresponds to the demonstration of product qualification, control of qualification test articles is specified as JAXA-specific requirement. Although qualification test requirements are specified in JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard", the requirement for control of qualification test articles is not specified in JMR-004. From the point of view of quality assurance, the control of qualification test articles is specified as JAXA-specific requirement in this standard.

2.2.11.2 Re-qualification tests

The contractor shall conduct re-qualification tests when changes have been made to the design, fabrication, or inspection of the qualified articles; when the procurement source is changed; when articles have repeated nonconformance; or when inspection, test, or operational data of actual flight or operational use indicate the need for re-qualification.

When one of the above conditions occurs, the contractor shall conduct the following:

- (1) Provide JAXA with written notification of the changes requested.
- (2) Specify the need for and extent of the re-qualification test.
- (3) Obtain approval of the JAXA representative when conducting re-qualification tests.

Rationale

The contractor shall demonstrate that the product definition meets the specification requirements at the completion of design/and or development according to paragraph 7.3.6.2, "Design and Development Verification and Validation Documentation" of JIS Q 9100. Similar to the requirements for qualification tests, requirements for re-qualification tests are not specified in JIS Q 9100. This is the reason why re-qualification tests are specified as JAXA-specific requirements. Although re-qualification test requirements are considered to be specified in JMR-004, Reliability Program Standard", the requirements are not specified in JMR-004. This is the reason why re-qualification tests are specified in this standard.

2.2.11.3 Qualification based on similarity
The contractor may request JAXA approval
for similar articles outside the scope of the
corresponding contract that have been
subjected to qualification testing based on
their similar uses and utility. In such cases,
the contractor shall ensure that the
similarity between the articles is established
and that the articles have undergone
environmental testing resulting in similar,
levels, times, and operating conditions at
least as stringently as qualification levels
required for the articles under the applicable
contract.

Rationale

Qualification based on similarity is one of the methods for validation of design and development in JIS Q 9100. Where required to demonstrate product qualification, the contractor shall ensure that records provide evidence that the product meets the defined requirements according to paragraph 8.2.4, "Monitoring and Measurement of Product" of JIS Q 9100. Since JAXA considers similarity as to be equivalent to qualification test in qualification, qualification based on similarity is specified as JAXA-specific requirement. Although requirements for qualification based on similarity are considered to be specified in JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard", the requirements are not specified in JMR-004. This is the reason why qualification based on similarity is specified in this standard.

2.2.12 Reports for qualification tests The contractor shall prepare reports for every test (including qualification test and acceptance test) according to the contractual requirements.

- (1) Nomenclature and identification number of articles
- (2) Nomenclature and identification number of the articles removed or replaced during testing
- (3) Copies of approved deviations or waivers
- (4) Summary of test data and results
- (5) Historical log of nonconformance
- (6) List of critical items and articles with operating life
- (7) Cumulative operating time or cycle data for articles

Rationale

The contractor shall ensure that reports, calculations, test results, etc., demonstrate that the product definition meets the specification requirements for all identified operational conditions according to paragraph 7.3.6.2, "Design and Development Verification and Validation Documentation" of JIS Q 9100.

Since JAXA needs clarification of items to be included in reports for every test (including qualification test and acceptance test), reports for qualification tests are specified as JAXA-specific requirement. Although requirements for reports for qualification tests are considered to be included in paragraph 2.2.16, "Documentation Data Package" of this standard, the reports may be required not at delivery but at the completion of the tests and the reports may be required not as documentation data package but as test results reports. This is the reason why the contractor shall prepare reports for every test according to the contractual

requirements.

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.13 Confirmation before and after tests	This paragraph 2.2.13 is to provide an
Prior to and subsequent to qualification	additional explanation for paragraph
testing, proto-flight testing, acceptance	7.3.6.1, "Design and Development
testing and/or	Verification and Validation Testing" of
post-launch-site-delivery-testing, the	JIS Q 9100.
contractor shall define items to be confirmed	Since task briefing (TB) and task
at task briefing, which is held to confirm that	review (TR) are considered to be
preparation activities for the testing are	mandatory for tests, confirmation
completed, and at task review, which is held	before and after tests is specified as
to confirm the test results after completion of	JAXA-specific requirement.
the testing. The contractor shall confirm the	
items.	
2.2.14 Nonconformance control	(Title)

2.2.14.1 General

The contractor shall establish and maintain a documented nonconformance processing system to identify and isolate nonconforming articles, disposing of them properly. The system will ensure that corrective actions (hereinafter referred to as "nonconformance dispositions") are taken when the articles do not comply with the requirements specified in the applicable drawings and specifications and when the article's performance is questionable. This system shall be coordinated with the problem/failure requirements specified in JMR-004. "Reliability Program Standard". Appendix-5, "Dispositions of the nonconforming articles" defines the dispositions of the nonconforming articles. Prior to determining the disposition of nonconforming articles, the contractor shall determine the causes and mechanism for nonconformance as necessary, properly evaluate the level of potential effects, and investigate or analyze the articles to determine the most effective solution. When nonconformance occurs that will seriously affect the development schedule, costs, or interface, the contractor shall conduct the root cause analysis using Appendix-6, "Root Cause Analysis of a nonconformance" as reference.

Rationale

- Although JIS Q 9100 uses the term

- "nonconformity", not only the case that the product does not obviously conform to required specification, but also the functionally questionable phenomenon (including deviation, defect, insufficiency and malfunction) and anomaly/failure specified in
- JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard" shall be considered as "nonconformance", this standard uses the term "nonconformance".
- -Although basic requirements for nonconformance control are specified in paragraph 8.3, "Control of Nonconforming Product" of JIS Q 9100, the nonconformance control is the most important activity. This is the reason why establishment of nonconformance processing system is specified as JAXA-specific requirement in this standard. Furthermore, it is specified that nonconformance processing system shall be coordinated with the anomaly/failure requirements specified in JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard".
- This standard is intended to reflect nonconformance control requirements in the contractor's nonconformance processing system based on documented procedure in paragraph 8.3, "Control of Nonconforming Product" of JIS Q 9100. This standard does not require the contractor to establish new system to be different from the system based on documented procedure in JIS Q 9100.
- Nonconformance cause analysis and root cause analysis of serious nonconformance are also specified as JAXA-specific requirements.

JAXA-specific Requirements Rationale 2.2.14.2 Documentation of nonconformance Although basic requirements for The contractor shall document all nonconformity control are specified in nonconformance. The documentation paragraph 8.3, "Control of concerning nonconformance shall state the Nonconforming Product" and following items as a minimum: paragraph 8.5.2, "Corrective Action" of (1) Nomenclature and identification number JIS Q 9100, this standard requires "nonconformance" control. of the nonconforming articles (2) Date and process in which Furthermore, the documentation of nonconformance is detected. nonconformance is mandatory for (3) Nonconformance descriptions and confirmation on disposition of acceptance and rejection criteria. nonconformance by JAXA. This is the (4) Cause of nonconformance. reason why documentation of (5) Description of nonconformance nonconformance is specified as JAXA-specific requirement. dispositions (6) Distinctions between the Preliminary Reviews (PRs) and Material Review Board (MRB) (7) Descriptions of corrective actions (8) Names of persons who recorded the descriptions indicated above and signature of

the designated board members

2.2.14.3 Preliminary Reviews (PRs) The designated board member of the contractor's quality assurance department and the designated board member of the contractor's engineering department responsible for designing the nonconforming article shall review the nonconforming article, selecting one of the following disposition methods after consulting with each other. They shall also confer with the fabrication, procurement, and other associated departments as necessary. When technical evaluation is unnecessary for minor rework, scrap and returning to suppliers at receiving inspections, reviews by the designated board member of the contactor's engineering department may be exempted. When the cause of the nonconformance is clearly supplier's fault, the nonconforming articles may be returned to suppliers by designated board member even if the nonconformance occurs after receiving inspections.

- (1) Rework
- (2) Repair
- (3) Scrap
- (4) Use-As-Is
- (5) Return to suppliers
- (6) Submission to MRB: When nonconformance disposition is inappropriate to be determined at PRs, the nonconforming article or material shall be submitted to MRB for final disposition.

Rationale

The Preliminary Reviews (PRs), at which the contractor selects disposition methods of nonconforming articles, are specified as JAXA-specific requirements. "Repair" and "use-as-is" are included in disposition methods as usual and it is specified that the designated board member of the contractor's engineering department responsible for designing the nonconforming article shall be included in the member of PRs.

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.14.4 Review by JAXA representative	For secure confirmation on PRs by
Records of nonconformance disposition	JAXA, it is specified as JAXA-specific
which was determined at preliminary reviews	requirement that records of
shall be reviewed by JAXA representatives	nonconformance disposition which was
when required.	determined at preliminary reviews
	shall be reviewed by JAXA
	representatives when required.
2.2.14.5 Material Review Board (MRB)	(Title)
2.2.14.5.1 Membership	Although MRB requirements are not
The Material Review Board (MRB) shall be	specified in JIS Q 9100, MRB, at which
comprised of at least a representative of the	JAXA attends to determine the
contractor's quality assurance department, a	disposition of nonconforming articles,
representative of the contractor's engineering	shall be specified. This is the reason
department, which is responsible for design	why MRB membership is specified as
of nonconforming articles, and a JAXA	JAXA-specific requirement.
representative. Each member may	
designate one or more agents. The board	
members of the contractor and their agents	
shall possess the authority and technical	
expertise adequate to determine dispositions.	
The board members of the contractor and	
their agents shall be approved by JAXA	
representative. When determining the	
disposition, opinions of associated	
departments of the contractor shall be	
referenced.	

JAXA-specific Requirements Rationale 2.2.14.5.2Responsibility Although MRB requirements are not The Material Review Board (MRB) shall specified in JIS Q 9100, MRB, at which perform the following: JAXA attends to determine the (1) Determine the disposition of the disposition of nonconforming articles, nonconforming articles or materials based on shall be specified. This is the reason the results of adequate analysis and why MRB responsibility is specified as investigation, and confirm that proper JAXA-specific requirement. dispositions have been implemented according to the decisions made. (2) Ensure that appropriate and effective corrective actions are documented on the nonconformance document. (3) Submit the application to JAXA for nonconformance dispositions requiring JAXA approval according to paragraph 2.2.14.6 of this standard, and verify their implementation after JAXA approval is obtained. (4) Ensure that MRB decisions are recorded.

2.2.14.5.3 Disposition determination by MRB

The MRB shall select one of the following for disposing of nonconforming articles or materials submitted to it.

Concurrence of all board members is required to select any disposition other than scrap. The MRB shall consider the effects of the nonconformance with regard to the purposes of article usage, check the record of disposition on previous nonconformance applied to identical articles, and consider the opinions of experts when determining dispositions.

- (1) Rework
- (2) Repair
- (3) Scrap
- (4) Use-As-Is
- (5) Return to suppliers
- (6) Recommendation to JAXA: When disposition of the nonconforming articles or materials is other than above (1) (5), or when the MRB recommends use-as-is or repair, recommendations shall be submitted to JAXA according to paragraph 2.2.14.6 of this standard.

Rationale

Although MRB requirements are not specified in JIS Q 9100, MRB, at which JAXA attends to determine the disposition of nonconforming articles, shall be specified. This is the reason why disposition determination by MRB is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.14.6 Application to JAXA	The contractor shall not use
The contractor shall apply to JAXA for a	dispositions of use-as-is or repair,
waiver in accordance with JMR-006,	unless specifically authorized by the
"Configuration Management Standard",	customer, if the nonconformity results
where applicable to paragraph 2.2.14.5.3(6) of	in a departure from the contract
this standard. The application shall include	requirements according to paragraph
application details, reasons and the MRB's	8.3, "Control of Nonconforming
recommendations, and shall be approved by	Product" of JIS Q 9100.
JAXA through MRB.	Since (waiver) application to JAXA is
	specified in JMR-006, "Configuration
	Management Standard", the
	application to JAXA is specified as
	JAXA-specific requirement.
2.2.14.7 Confirmation on disposition	It is specified as JAXA-specific
implementation	requirement that the contractor's
The contractor's quality assurance	quality assurance department shall
department shall confirm that the	confirm the disposition
dispositions of the nonconforming articles or	implementation. The contractor shall
materials shall be implemented as	maintain the records of actions taken to
determined in the preliminary reviews and	the nonconformities according to JIS Q
the MRB.	9100.

JAXA-specific Requirements Rationale The contractor shall take action to 2.2.14.8 Corrective actions Considering the severity of the eliminate the causes of nonconformities nonconformance, the contractor shall notify of product and quality management associated organizations of the system according to paragraph 8.5.2, nonconformance and shall feedback "Corrective Action" of JIS Q 9100. In corrective actions to the associated paragraph 8.3, "Control of Nonconforming Product" of JIS Q 9100, organizations securely and systematically. it is noted that parties requiring notification of nonconforming product can include suppliers, internal organizations, customers, distributors and regulatory authorities. Corrective actions are specified as JAXA-specific requirement to conduct firm information expansion to prevent recurrence of nonconformance adding the phrase "feedback corrective actions to the associated orgnizations" for clarification, when the nonconformance occurs in part or component. 2.2.14.9 Measures to prevent the recurrence Requirement for submission of report of serious quality problems concerning the prevention of the If a serious quality problem occurs, the recurrence of serious quality problems contractor shall immediately prepare a report is JAXA-specific. This is the reason concerning the prevention of the recurrence why measures to prevent the of serious quality problems, obtain the recurrence of serious quality problems signature of the person responsible for the are specified as JAXA-specific quality system, and submit it to the Safety requirements. and Mission Assurance Department of JAXA, according to CQM-103003, "Procedure for Preparing a Report Concerning the

Prevention of the Recurrence of Serious

Quality Problems".

JAXA-specific Requirements	Rationale
2.2.14.10 Material Review Board at	Although the requirement for
supplier	delegation of the MRB responsibility to
The contractor may, with approval of JAXA	suppliers is not specified in JIS Q 9100,
representative, delegate the MRB	JAXA has required the delegation for a
responsibility for the applicable articles or	long time and the delegation has been
materials to suppliers. In such a case, the	implemented. Since the delegation
contractor shall review and confirm the MRB	requirement conforms to supply chain
results at the supplier's MRB as part of the	management in JIS Q 9100, MRB at
procurement control.	supplier is specified as JAXA-specific
	requirement.
2.2.14.11 Utilization of JAXA database	Although requirements concerning to
The contractor shall submit the following	utilization of JAXA database are not
nonconformance data for input into the	specified in JIS Q 9100, JAXA database
electronic database system designated by	is important for nonconformance
JAXA. The contractor shall also utilize the	control (including analysis and
JAXA database for nonconformance control at	horizontal development). This is the
facilities.	reason why utilization of JAXA
(1) Major nonconformance at the	database is specified as JAXA-specific
development and production phases shall be	requirement.
reported to the Critical Design Review.	
(2) Nonconformance submitted to MRB	

JAXA-specific Requirements Rationale 2.2.14.12 Utilization of "QUALITY Utilization of "QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO" data HIYARI-HATTO" data is important to When a QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO event prevent nonconformance. Although utilization of "QUALITY occurs, the contractor shall collect, analyze, and use QUALITY HIYARI-HATTO data to HIYARI-HATTO" is considered to be prevent nonconformance. To do so, the described in paragraph 8.5, contractor may refer to JERG-0-020, "Improvement" of JIS Q 9100, the "HANDBOOK FOR METHOD OF "QUALITY utilization is not specified. This is the HIYARI-HATTO" DATA APPLICATION". reason why utilization of "QUALITY The contractor shall report regularly or as HIYARI-HATTO" is specified as necessary concerning QUALITY JAXA-specific requirement. HIYARI-HATTO events that may seriously affect the development schedule, costs, or interface when ordered by JAXA representative. If an approach equivalent to those described in this handbook or a superior approach is available, it may be used. In that case, too, the contractor shall report to JAXA representative as described above.

2.2.15 Records of articles

The contractor shall prepare and maintain the records of each article to be delivered in order to control the history of the articles. Each record shall identify the pertinent articles and be prepared starting from the lowest level of assembly, and recording the sequence of fabrication, inspection, and test operations, as well as storage and transportation, as well as identify the recorder and his/her post. The record shall either include the following or reference other documents:

- As-designed configuration data
 Baseline configuration, approved changes, and deviations
- (2) As-built configuration dataParts list, drawings, specifications, changes, deviations, waivers, and identification data
- (3) Fabrication history
 Assembly and disassembly instructions and
 histories of coordination, repair, rework, or
 exchange
- (4) Inspections and test records Specifications, procedures, results, and variables data
- (5) Nonconformance recordsNonconformance descriptions and dispositions
- (6) Cumulative operating time or cycles Operating time or cycles of tests and storage duration

Rationale

Although requirements for records of articles are not specified in JIS Q 9100, JAXA needs clarification of the records. This is the reason why records of articles are specified as JAXA-specific requirement. This standard does not require the submission of all records. Documentation Data package or test report is comprised of a part of the records of articles and the contractor shall submit the documentation data package or test report as required by contract.

2.2.16Documentation Data package When submission of the documentation data package with shipment is specified in the contract, the contractor shall attach the data including component list, equipment log, or nonconformance historical log, as well as necessary documents for identification, maintenance, corrosion prevention and handling of the articles to be shipped. The documentation data package shall include the historical logs of the items whose records are particularly effective for quality assurance, in addition to those of the items identified as reliability control items according to JMR-004, "Reliability Program Standard". The contractor shall coordinate with JAXA representative beforehand and determine the items to include the historical logs in the documentation data package. The packages or containers for storing or shipping the end-items shall display the locations of the documentation data package as necessary. The documentation data package attached to the JAXA-furnished articles and JAXA properties shall be maintained to the extent necessary.

Rationale

The contractor shall ensure that all documents required to accompany the product are present at delivery according to paragraph 8.2.4, "monitoring and Measurement of Product" of JIS Q 9100. Since the submission of documentation data package is required by JAXA in some cases, documentation data package is specified as JAXA-specific requirement.

2.2.17 Retention of quality records
The contractor shall identify quality records
to be retained and define the retention
periods of the quality records conferencing
with JAXA, and shall retain the quality
records for investigation determining the
cause of nonconformance in operation phase
after delivery. Quality records to be retained
shall include supplier's quality records as
necessary.

Rationale

Check of quality records is important for investigation determining the cause of nonconformance in launch-preparation, launch, and mission operation phase after delivery. This is the reason why it is specified as JAXA-specific requirement that the contractor shall identify quality records to be retained and define the storage periods of the quality records considering analysis on nonconformance after delivery. The contractor shall identify quality records to be retained considering importance of the records. It is assumed that the contractor coordinates with JAXA and obtains JAXA's approval about the quality records to be retained and specifies the records in planning documents, for example. The contractor shall establish a documented procedure to define the controls needed for the retention of records according to paragraph 4.2.4, "Control of Records" of JIS Q 9100.