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Inspection System Requirements

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CANCELED Canceled in 1996. Like MIL-Q-9858A, it is still invoked by purchase order more often than anyone expects.

What It Covers

A lighter-weight requirement than MIL-Q-9858A, for an inspection system covering measuring equipment, drawings and changes, records, nonconforming material and inspection status.

Who It Applies To

Only where an existing contract or purchase order still invokes it.

Key Requirements

- Read the purchase order: an invoked canceled specification remains a contract term.
- Map each requirement to your current procedures and keep the map on file.
- Request modernization to a current standard at the next contract action.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- Evidence that the cited inspection requirements are met.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Purchase order templates that still flow it down to your own suppliers.

How QES helps. Clause mapping and modernization requests, and a clean-up of your own purchase order templates. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

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