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EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR SPACE STANDARDIZATION

Policy for Quality Management System (QMS) Standardization and Certification, and Cooperation with the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG)

Considering that:

- ECSS is not addressing QMS requirements and their implementation.
- The objective of ECSS of promoting the competitiveness of the European space industry cannot be fully achieved only by developing requirement standards for a project or product, because it is necessary to address the overall QMS applied by organizations.

The Steering Board adopts the following policy:

- EN9100 is recognized by ECSS as a suitable standard for a QMS for organizations carrying out space projects.
- European space organizations are encouraged to obtain certification against EN9100, as applicable to their specific business. The decision for obtaining such a certification is at the complete discretion of each individual organization.
- European space customers, throughout the supply chain, should recognize the EN 9100 certificates obtained by their suppliers, for the purpose of reducing auditing efforts for quality management system aspects.

In pursuance of this policy, the Steering Board recommends that:

- Cooperation with the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) should be pursued to influence EN 9100;
- Harmonization or exchange of standards of common interest should be facilitated;
- A cooperation agreement with IAQG should be prepared, as appropriate;
- Participation in the oversight function of the IAQG certification scheme should be reconsidered at a later stage, depending on the progress of the ECSS - IAQG cooperation.