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### NATIONAL AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE CONTRACTORS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (NADCAP)

#### RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. Scope
  - 1.1 This standard establishes rules for the implementation of the National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) to accredit the capability of suppliers furnishing processes, products, and services for the aerospace and defense industries as provided for in specific programs. These rules shall be in compliance with the latest issue of Aerospace Standard AS7003.
2. References
  - 2.1 Applicable Documents
    - 2.1.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

AS7001 - National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) - Program Description

AS7003 - National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) - Program Operation
3. Requirements and Criteria for the Overall Program Identified as NADCAP
  - 3.1 The rules for implementation of the National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP) shall provide for the following:
    - a. Operation requirements and criteria to demonstrate competence and reliability of NADCAP in conducting a third party accreditation system and programs at national and international levels

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### 3.1 (Continued):

- b. A means of meeting identified needs of the aerospace industry, their customers, the defense industry, regulators, and others for accreditation of identified processes, products, and services

### 3.2 Program Definitions

3.2.1 A complete glossary of all NADCAP associated terminology is provided in Section 1 of AS7003.

3.2.2 Definitions for participation and voting in system and program activities shall be in accordance with Section 2 of the latest revision of AS7003.

### 3.3 Program General Requirements Operation

3.3.1 Access to programs and services shall be open and shall not be conditional on membership to any association or group.

3.3.2 Procedures under which the system and programs operate shall be administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and without any single interest predominating.

### 3.4 Program Administrative Structure Operation

#### 3.4.1 NADCAP shall have:

- a. A NADCAP Council and a structure that permits choosing the members from among those interests involved in the system and users of accreditation without any single interest predominating in accordance with the latest issue of AS7003. The NADCAP Council shall be the final authority of the accreditation program.
- b. A PRI NADCAP staff under a senior full-time executive of the Performance Review Institute (PRI) to carry out the day-to-day program administrative operations in such a way as to be free from control of those who have a direct commercial interest in the processes, products, or services being accredited.
- c. A Steering Committee, reporting to the NADCAP Council, to consider policy matters requiring full committee attention, to make recommendations on personnel appointments and to monitor decisions on accreditation and appeals. The Steering Committee shall be composed of individuals representing all interests participating in the NADCAP accreditation process.
- d. A User's Accreditation Advisory Panel to review recommendations of staff, auditors, and task groups assigned to perform evaluations and to make recommendations to the NADCAP Council for accreditation, withdrawal of accreditation, or other special actions regarding accreditation activities. The User's Accreditation Advisory Panel shall be composed of members of the user community or ultimate customers to include areas of special programs developed and operated for special processes, products, or services.