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Subject: Boeing Policy Concerning Replacements for
Military and Federal Specifications and Standards for
Parts, Material and Assembly/Fabrication Process
Cancellations

Boeing, its subcontractors, suppliers and customers around the world use engineering specifications and standards to define material, assembly/fabrication processes and parts for Boeing products. Many of these specifications are federal and military standards recognized as *de facto* national standards throughout the aerospace industry. The DoD has adopted an acquisition reform policy resulting in the cancellation of many government specifications and standards currently referenced by Boeing in standards and on drawings. In some cases, the government has recommended commercial substitutes for the canceled standards in their cancellation notices. Such statements, intended for new government procurements, are open to misinterpretation by Boeing standards users as well as by customers, suppliers and subcontractors. The purpose of the following policy statement is to document Boeing’s position concerning replacements for canceled military and federal specifications and standards.

"For government specifications and standards canceled after June 1994, Boeing, its subcontractors, suppliers and commercial customers must use the last active revision of the canceled standard until an acceptable replacement is documented by Boeing Engineering.

In cases where canceled government standards are called out on government or commercial contracts, these callouts are binding contractual requirements until such time as a contract modification is approved."

This policy is based on our drawing system which maintains the configuration of our design, production and operation for our defense products, and for type design and production certificates of our commercial products. This configuration management is required to assure the continued performance of our products.

Engineering is working through the AIA Early Warning Project Group to identify industry replacements for all canceled government parts, materials and assembly/fabrication process specifications of interest to The Boeing Company.
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