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Packaging and Identification of Rubber Products

For the attention of the Managing Director

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope:

All suppliers in receipt of purchase orders from Rolls-Royce Business Units and who are engaged in: -

- The manufacture and / or delivery (inc. procurement from stockists or sub-tier sources) of new detail rubber products (e.g. "O" - ring seals, gaskets, sleeves etc.) which are subject to shelf life / identification requirements - as defined within the relevant Rolls-Royce Engineering Drawings, and / or associated material (e.g. MSRR) specifications - as appropriate.
- The manufacture and / or delivery of new detail rubber products designed by specialist suppliers in accordance with either their own engineering specifications, or suitably applicable international standards.
- The content of this NTS does not apply to composite products (e.g. metal and rubber assemblies - including sealed units), unless the need for shelf life / identification requirements have been specifically instructed within the relevant engineering drawing and or associated technical specification(s).

Background:

A number of Rolls-Royce engineering drawings covering various legacy (i.e. "make to print") parts / engine types currently lack sufficient detail of packing, identification and storage requirements for rubber products which has led to some confusion both within our internal stores and / or external customer areas. -

It is now recognised such information should have been specified either within the drawing itself, or more usually by reference to the covering (e.g. MSRR) material specification quoted on the drawing - as appropriate.

The quickest and most cost effective means of addressing this issue is via retrospective action to progressively review and update the covering material specifications - which are themselves referenced on all affected Rolls-Royce drawings and are typically encompassed within the MSRR 5000 & 9000 range of documents.

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The above action is now underway and will result in the incorporation of details on material classification, storage / shelf life, together with any associated packing and identification requirements - with an estimated timescale for overall completion likely to be during the early part of 2007. .

Rubber products are also subject to the controls outlined within SABRe's Protection, Packaging and Labelling Process. If necessary, this may also be reviewed to incorporate any relevant / additional detail as an integral part of the April 2007 update package

Action Required:

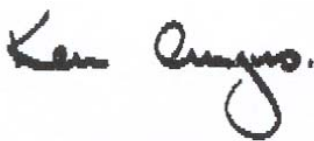
For Rolls-Royce designed (i.e. "make to print") rubber products - work to the existing drawing, specification and / or SABRe requirements - as appropriate. If no cure date identification and storage requirements are currently provided then default to those specified within Rolls-Royce Engineering Specification - JES 142 until the covering MSRR specifications are progressively amended and made available via our external (www.suppliermanager-online.com) website.

For proprietary (i.e. supplier designed) components, operate in accordance with the relevant governing technical specification(s) - noting that on occasions these may include national, international and / or military standards, allied to SABRe requirements - where appropriate.

Cascade the content of this NTS within your company as necessary (including stockists / sub-tier sources - where appropriate) and instruct all relevant production & inspection personnel of these actions.

Should additional clarification be required, please refer to the PTC (or equivalent) of the Rolls-Royce Business Unit placing the purchase order(s).

Yours faithfully,
for Rolls-Royce plc.



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