

Guidelines for Supplier Variation Requests

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Definitions:

- ✓ Supplier Variation Request (SVR): A formal request by a Supplier seeking relief from BAE Systems Purchase Order, Drawing, Specification or Contract requirements.
 - ✓ An SVR may be requested before or during the product realization cycle (manufacturing process life cycle) to recommend changes, to resolve requirement conflicts or to align with manufacturing capabilities and thus prevent the occurrence a nonconformance.
- ✓ Nonconformance: The failure or potential failure of a characteristic to conform to the requirements specified in a contract, purchase order, drawing, specification or other approved product description.
- ✓ Corrective Action (Box 13 on SVR Form): An action taken to eliminate the cause(s) of an existing nonconformance, defect or other undesirable situation in order to prevent recurrence.
- ✓ Repair (SVR applies): Reduces, but does not eliminate a nonconformance.
- ✓ Rework (SVR does not apply): Completely eliminates the nonconformance. Result conforms completely to the drawing, specification or contractual requirement.

When an SVR is applicable

- ✓ When a supplier determines that an item is nonconforming (to Purchase Order, Drawing, Specification or Contract requirements) and requests a waiver from BAE for the specific requirement.
- ✓ When a supplier identifies a drawing or specification issue/error and recommends a change to the BAE drawing. (See box 15 of the SVR Form) The request should be made prior to fabrication or as early in the fabrication process as possible.
- ✓ When BAE Systems Requests that a supplier deliver parts prior to completion of required supplier performed inspection or test processes.

When an SVR is not applicable

- ✓ To accept part quantities in excess of contractual needs.
Contact the BAE Buyer/subcontracts.
- ✓ To request a waiver for source inspection.
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- ✓ To take exception of QA Clauses on the Purchase Order.
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- ✓ To accept parts that have already shipped to BAE Systems.
- ✓ When the supplier will rework the product and bring it into compliance prior to shipping to BAE Systems.

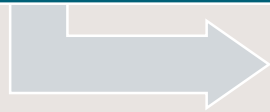
For any questions or concerns, contact the BAE Buyer/subcontracts. They will coordinate with the key functions internally at BAE and will advise the supplier accordingly.

Process Overview

Supplier seeks relief from a **Purchase Order, Drawing, Specification or Contract requirement**, obtains a copy of the SVR form via Supplier Center, fills out the form, and provides to the BAE buyer/subcontracts.

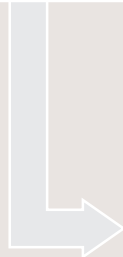


BAE Supplier Quality reviews the SVR for completeness and generates a TIPQA NCR (type "ES"). The TipQA NC is routed internally at BAE for disposition and approvals.



The BAE buyer returns the SVR to the Supplier with all pertinent disposition direction.

- If the SVR disposition requires a drawing change then upon release of the ECO, a corresponding PO revision change will be issued. Product should not ship until ECO is completed and the SVR closed (unless there is an approved Run & Hold).



For all non-conforming material that has been approved for shipment by the SVR, the supplier must include a copy of the approved SVR with each shipment. This includes all subsequent shipments that may occur for repairs etc.

- [Supplier Center Link: Supplier Quality Assurance | BAE Systems | United States](#)

Important Points

- ✓ Material not in compliance with drawing(s) or specification(s) shall NOT be shipped without prior BAE Systems Approval.
- ✓ The supplier must receive an approved and closed SVR and PO Change Order as authorization to ship product.
- ✓ The supplier shall not perform any repair activity before getting BAE Systems approval via a documented repair procedure approved on the SVR by BAE Systems.