

OEM/DoD Production Stoppage Waiver Request process

Background: DLA has been working with OEMs and the military supply chains to evaluate the impact on DoD of the stop shipment orders placed on several QPL manufacturers. Based on information provided, DLA has determined that circumstances may exist which would necessitate a course of action to mitigate impacts to the military supply chain. DOD guidance (DODM 4120.24, Enclosure 14 Para 8) allows for a waiver of qualification to address/minimize impact if there are "unusual or compelling circumstances (e.g. life or mission threatening or production stoppage)." Therefore, we are instituting the following process that will allow the OEMs to request a waiver of specific part numbers to alleviate production stoppages of items required by the DoD. The waiver request process only applies to MIL-PRF-39012, MIL-PRF-49142, MIL-PRF-55339, MIL-DTL-38999, MIL-DTL-83723, MIL-DTL-22992, and MIL-DTL-27599.

OEM:

1. Determine and document an immediate need to support a specific DoD requirement based on their immediate need of product as documented by DoD and a discussion with other potential QPL sources
2. Document the non-availability of the product from any QPL sources within the timeframe needed to support the DoD requirement
3. A Corporate Officer will complete/sign the Production Stoppage Waiver Request form attesting that a production stoppage/dire need is impending
4. Develop a list of specific part numbers applicable to this waiver
5. Email to VQP@dla.mil the signed waiver request form, the list of specified part numbers, and supporting documentation that demonstrates the non-availability from each of the sources listed on the QPL for the specified part numbers

DoD/DLA:

1. DLA Land and Maritime – DLA Land and Maritime receives, reviews, and accepts/rejects the waiver request.
2. If acceptable,
 - a. DLA Land and Maritime will sign and return the waiver form to the initiator by email
 - b. DLA Land and Maritime will send a letter by email to the applicable manufacturer approving the waiver request and will attach the list of specific part numbers involved. Included in the email is the timeframe that the waiver will be good for. This date will be up to 90 days or the date when the QPL company's QPL product is in full and complete compliance
3. If unacceptable, DLA Land and Maritime will disapprove and return the waiver form back to the OEM
4. Once the QPL company's product is compliant, DLA Land and Maritime releases shipment of conforming product
5. The waiver(s) are void after DLA Land and Maritime releases shipment of conforming product
6. DLA Land and Maritime posts GIDEP with beginning Lot Date Codes (LDCs) of compliant product