



Global Supply Chain Supplier Improvement Plans

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

A Supplier Improvement Plan (SIP) is a structured approach for managing supplier relationships, reducing risks, enhancing collaboration, and optimizing procurement processes. As such, SIPs may be initiated to support resolution of any supplier-related concern; however, they are primarily started due to one or more of the following reasons:

- A Supplier Audit failure
- Supplier lost QMS certification
- Supplier-caused product quality issues
 - Briggs production line shutdown
 - Defect increase across multiple p/n's
 - Consistent, repeat defects
- Supplier identified as major contributor to CoPQ
- Supplier-cause repeat shortages and/or missed deliveries

A SIP will not close until all associated Supplier Quality Assurance processes have been completed and SIP goals have been achieved.

2.0 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

The following documents outline the Supplier Improvement Plan process:

- Supplier Audit Process
- Supplier Corrective Action Request Process

- Supplier Production Process Qualification
- Supplier Debit Process

3.3.0 SUPPLIER IMPROVEMENT PLANS

The following steps outline the process by which Briggs & Stratton will follow to perform a Supplier Improvement Plan:

3.1 The need for an SIP will be identified by Supplier Quality & communicated to leadership and the extended team during regular Internal Quality Reviews (IQR) and Plant Quality Reviews (PQR) so that all internal stakeholders may be informed/aware of the need.

3.2 To start the process, Global SQ & Category Management will craft a letter for the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) to sign & submit to the highest ranking official of the Supplier needing improvement.

3.3 Global SQ will schedule a kick-off meeting with all internal & supplier stakeholders to review the issue(s), determine root cause, & develop an action plan & timeline toward resolution.

3.3.1 Briggs & Stratton actions shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Briggs Plant Quality to generate a P-number in SAP to track any additional costs incurred as a result of the issue(s) identified.





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- Briggs Category Management to place the supplier ON HOLD for new business awards.
- Briggs SQ to perform onsite QMS &/or Process Audits
- Briggs SQ to review status of active &/or recently closed Supplier 8Ds
- Briggs SQ to review accuracy of PPAP documentation

3.3.2 Supplier actions shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Identify, contain and segregate all questionable material, WIP and finished goods at supplier facility
- Investigate all communicated concerns & determine root cause(s)
- Develop action plans to mitigate/eliminate the root cause(s)
- Schedule weekly meetings to review incremental improvement status with all stakeholders
- Implement 100% third party inspection and/or sorting to certify parts being shipped to Briggs moving forward

3.4 Global SQ will schedule a kickoff meeting with internal & supplier stakeholders to review Briggs' concerns and expectations moving forward.

3.5 Supplier will schedule weekly meetings with internal & supplier stakeholders to review progress & make adjustments where needed.

3.6 Supplier will send weekly updates to internal stakeholders to keep them apprised of SIP status.

3.7 Upon completion of all SIP actions, Global SQ will perform a graduation audit of the supplier to verify that all agreed upon actions have been implemented & are under control.

3.8 Upon successful completion of the graduation audit, Global SQ & Category Management will craft a letter for the Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) to sign & submit to the highest ranking official of the Supplier thanking them for their support & dedication to the business relationship and removal from the SIP.

3.9 Category Management will remove any HOLD placed upon the supplier regarding potential future business discussions.

