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Circular Letter

**Subject: Extension of AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Program to Include Facilities That Manufacture Freight Wheel Bearing Seals**

**To: ALL SUBSCRIBERS**

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As mandated by the Technical Services Working Committee (TSWC), contractors who Manufacture Seals for AAR Class Roller Bearings are herein invited to make application for Quality Assurance Certification under the provisions of Specification M-1003. The AAR Wheel, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication (WABL) Committee received approval from TSWC to add the requirement for M-1003 approval. Further, this activity will be added to Appendix A of M-1003 as Activity Code 'B33-10 Manufacturer of Freight Wheel Bearing Seals'.

The target date to achieve M-1003 certification for companies producing this component is scheduled for January 05, 2018. All M-1003 applications must be submitted online at <http://aar.iirx.net>.

It is highly encouraged that manufacturers of the above component purchase M-1003, Specification for Quality Assurance and thoroughly review the requirements of M-1003 Chapter 3. There, you will find the requirements for application as well as the procedure for M-1003 certification and maintenance. You can purchase the specification at this link <http://aarpublications.com/index.php/manual-of-standards-and-recommended-practices/section-i-quality-assurance-m-1003-2016g.html>.

Please direct your attention to the recent changes to S-050. Even though the thresholds cited in paragraph 2.4 have not been exceeded, the AAR will continue publishing summarized cost/benefit analysis when warranted, to assist stakeholders in planning for impacts stemming from the proposal. The sponsoring Committee, WABL, has evaluated the detailed analysis, and has resolved to proceed to implement this change.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Don Guillen, Manager of the AAR Quality Assurance Committee or Ms. Sheena Prevette, AAR Quality Assurance Specialist at [QA@aar.com](mailto:QA@aar.com).

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