

1. QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPPLIER REQUIREMENTS

1.1 The chosen supplier must be approved by UKNNL procurement for the defined scope of supply and must be deemed low level risk where failure is unlikely to lead directly to a reportable incident of any kind and is unlikely to result in no-more than trivial economic consequences.

1.2 If the product or service being procured is off the shelf equipment or service which WILL NOT be modified or redesigned and carries low/no risk, it can be classified as a quality grade 04; in these instances, the flow down (Ref: IMS-CQR-MAN) of the UKNNL Ltd contract quality requirements is no longer required as these are non-applicable for a QG04 products or services.

2. Inspection and Testing

2.1 Although the flow down does not apply in this instance, a quality check following delivery of the product shall always take place. Inspection/testing shall be:

- As required by normal manufacturing standards
- Inspection on receipt for transit damage and order completion only
- Receipt can be carried out by any suitable person

- Any non-conforming products will be QUARANTINED, returned as per the suppliers returns policy and an EVENT raised, to alert all UKNNL, and the wider sector, to risk as required

3. Mitigating UKNNL Climate Change impact

3.1 UKNNL is committed to protecting the environment and maximising energy efficiency, when choosing a service supplier, wherever feasible, procured items should minimise environmental impact by design and be fixable, to ensure longevity. Services, such as training should consider Climate Change impacts, and utilise technology to deliver training 'online' to mitigate, as far as practicable the environmental impact, of the procured service.

3.2 All procured items MUST be energy efficiency and where feasible, items/products manufactured with recoverable materials, refer to IMS-GN-WM: Waste Management Hierarchy:

- **Avoid** – Avoid purchasing products that negatively IMPACT the environment, such as single use, are sealed units so are unfixable or not serviceable and at end of life cannot be reused or recycled.
- **Reuse** – actively research, and procure items that can be sold or gifted such as equipment and furniture, this approach ensures a circular

economy and keeps items, in use as long as possible avoiding landfill disposal.

- **Recycle** – When the product can no longer be used for its primary use, or REUSED the item MUST be processed to maximise recovery of materials through recyclable routes.

The delivery of net zero is a combined effort in which UKNNL must have a positive influence throughout the supply chain, working in collaboration at every level to manage our environmental impacts and actively reduce the carbon footprint of our operations and services.