



TL 9000 Informational Alert

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3. Documentation Affected: None	4. Issue Date: 2007/03/15
5. Reason for Alert: Ensure awareness of changes in the R4.0 Product Category Tables affecting contract manufacturers and to reinforce the information presented in Alert 03-002A	
6. Description: As was described in the Alert referenced above, the appropriate product category for a contract manufacturing organization should reflect manufacturing - not the item being manufactured. To better reflect this, the R4.0 version of the Product Category Tables has moved the contract manufacturing product categories from Section 8 (Components and Subassemblies) of the Tables to Section 7 (Services).	
7. Comments: The contract manufacturing product categories formerly listed in 8.2 Electronic Assemblies, 8.3 Cable Assemblies and 8.4 Electromechanical Assemblies are now all listed in 7.7 Manufacturing Services. The specific changes and appropriate mappings from the old to new PCTs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 8.2.1b Simple (Electronic Assemblies) is now 7.7.1 Small Assemblies▪ 8.2.2b Medium Complexity, 8.2.3b High Complexity, and 8.2.4b Very High Complexity (Electronic Assemblies) are now 7.7.2 Printed Circuit Board Assembly▪ 8.3b Cable Assemblies is now 7.7.3 Cable Assembly▪ 8.4b Electromechanical Assemblies is now 7.7.4 Electromechanical Assembly <p>Please remember, as previously noted in Alert 03-002A, Product Categories 1.x through 6.x are intended for organizations responsible for the design, manufacture, software development, and pre/post sales support for the applicable products. An organization building equipment for another organization should not register under a product category within 1-6, but should use the new 7.7.x categories as appropriate.</p>	



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It is also important to note that the selection of Hardware (H), Software (S) and/or Service (V) certification specialty options by the organization is independent of the product categories selected. Therefore, the move of these product categories does not require the organization to add a Service (V) option to their registration, nor does it imply they should drop Hardware (H). In fact, typically the organization's customers would expect a TL 9000 certified manufacturing organization to meet the TL 9000 Hardware Requirements. Such organization's may wish to consider adding the Service requirements as they see fit, but it is not required.