



## TL 9000 Informational Alert

<b>1. Originating Workgroup:</b>  Workgroup: Integrated Global Quality Requirements & Measurements  Contact: Tom Yohe (Thomas.F.Yohe@alcatel.com)	<b>2. Alert Number:</b>  03-002A
<b>3. Documentation Affected:</b> Measurements Handbook and Product Category Tables – All Current Releases	<b>4. Issue Date:</b> 09/01/2003
<b>5. Reason for Alert:</b>  Provide assistance in selecting the correct Product Category for TL 9000 Registration by organizations involved in contract manufacturing.	
<b>6. Description:</b>  If you are a contract manufacturer, building a product for an external organization, you should not register under Product Category 1.x through 6.x. Your correct product category will be found in 8.2.x b (Electronic Assemblies), 8.3 b (Cable Assemblies), or 8.4 b (Electromechanical Assemblies).	
<b>7. Comments:</b>  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 8.2.x b, 8.3 b, or 8.4 b as appropriate. The product being supplied by a contract manufacturing organization is manufacturing. It is not the product being manufactured. This is true even if the hardware being built comprises a full system. The contract manufacture of full systems would fall under product category 8.4 b. Please see Appendix A, Table A-1 Product Category Definitions Page A-27 for detailed descriptions of each of these product categories.	