

Specification Section 994

Subarticle 994-1

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

The update is necessary to ensure procedural accuracy and prevent confusion. Since the Random Sampling Program under Materials Manual 5.10 has been retired and its functions integrated into the Product Evaluation process, retaining this language could misrepresent current practice and create inconsistencies in application or interpretation. Compliance with 23 CFR 635.410.

INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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COMMENT: The language in new sub-section 994-4.2: Approved Product List (APL) appears that it should be incorporated in Section 994-2: Approved Product List (APL) instead. The language differs with Section 994-2 in terms of what is needed for APL consideration.

RESPONSE:

Thank you for the comment. The requirements in Sections 994-2 and 994-4 support two separate APL processes. Section 994-2 applies to manufacturers of sign sheeting materials, while Section 994-4 applies to fabricators who produce the finished signs. Since these sections address different groups and different evaluation steps, the wording in 994-4.2 should not match the language in 994-2. That said, we can add a bit more clarity in 994-2.

ACTION TAKEN:

Modify Section 994-2.2 to improve clarity:

“Sign sheeting manufacturers seeking evaluation of their product shall submit an application in accordance with Section 6 and include the documentation identified in Table 994-1.”

No modification is needed for Section 994-4.2