

## **Aviation Suppliers Association Accreditation Program (ASAAP) Letter of Interpretation (LI) 100-009**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2005

**TERMINATION DATE:** Until Superseded or Incorporated in ASA-100

**ISSUE:** May I rely on the 2001 version of SPEC 300?"

**AFFECTED SECTIONS:** ASA-100 Revision 3.4 §§ 8 (D); 11 (A)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The ASA-100 quality system requires that an accredited distributor meet the requirements of both ASA-100 and the FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 00-56A (Voluntary Industry Distributor Accreditation Program) (June 13, 2002).

ASA has created a tool called a letter of Interpretation (LI). LIs are used to provide guidance regarding ASA-100 and/or FAA AC 00-56A. LIs are required if applicable to your business. Each LI addresses requirements and future expectations.

Where appropriate, the ASA-100 quality system requires that an accredited distributor use shipping containers that meet the ATA-300 Specification or an equivalent standard. This text is currently found in sections 8 (D)(1) [Material Control] and 11(A) [Shipping]. This requirement is imposed by ASA-100 but is not imposed by AC 00-56A.

In March, 2005, the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) published Revision 2005.1 to ATA Specification 300: Specification for Packaging of Airline Supplies. This 2005 revision simplified and clarified certain guidance. It did not impose any new requirements, on distributors using the guidance that did not exist in the previous versions of the specification released over the past decade.

Upon review, ASA has concluded that the substance of the 2005 revision is not appreciably different from the substance of the 1996, 2000 and 2001 revisions. For this reason, ASA has decided that ASA accredited companies may continue to rely on the 1996, 2000, and/or 2001 revisions of ATA Specification 300. They are also permitted to rely on the 2005 revision of the specification for purposes of compliance to ASA-100.

To reduce confusion in the industry, this Letter of Interpretation (LI) provides interpretation of a term used in ASA-100. This definition applies only to ASA-100, and is not applicable to any other document.

### **INTERPRETATION:**

ASA accredited companies may rely on any revision of the SPEC 300 standard released between 1996 and 2005 (inclusive) for purposes of compliance to ASA-100.

Notwithstanding this LI, an accredited distributor is required to follow the written guidance found in its quality manual, as well as the standards to which it is accredited. If this LI contradicts the accredited distributor's quality manual, ASA-100 or AC 00-56A, then the controlling authority is determined in the following order of precedence:

1. AC 00-56A
2. ASA-100
3. Quality Manual

**ANTICIPATED FUTURE ACTION:**

This interpretation is offered for clarification purposes. No further action will be taken until or unless this guidance is superseded.

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