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Chemical Fabrics & Film Association Teams Up With The Chemical Manufacturers Association to Develop Bulk Materials Standards Requirements That Clearly Define Bulk Materials for Product Manufacturers

CLEVELAND, June 16, 2000 – To facilitate the approval of bulk materials for use in the automotive industry, the Chemical Fabrics & Film Association (CFFA) Automotive/Transportation Division recently helped develop regulations that more clearly define the design and quantity specifications manufacturers must meet.

Done in conjunction with the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) and the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG), the Bulk Materials Approval Process (BMAP) standards are included in the QS 9000 Production Parts Approval Process III regulations and apply to substances such as adhesives, sealants, chemicals, coatings and lubricants.

“The BMAP standards are a clear and effective improvement to the material approval process,” said Charles Johnson, chairman – CFFA Automotive/Transportation Division. “The AIAG's intent was to include all products that were non-dimensional, and our members' products – fabrics, film and film laminates – are an ideal fit.”

The Chemical Fabrics & Film Association is an international trade association representing the major manufacturers of polymer-based fabric and film products, used in the building and construction, medical, automotive and many other industries. CFFA provides education on the benefits and uses of chemical fabrics and film, and supports technical research and standards development within the industry. The organization was founded in 1927 and is based in Cleveland.