



# Advance Planning Brief to Industry

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### Certification Program

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## Purpose

- To ensure that uniform items for retail sale conform to USMC specifications and standards.
- To assist Marines, who are purchasing uniforms and accessories, in choosing items that are approved and meet regulation.



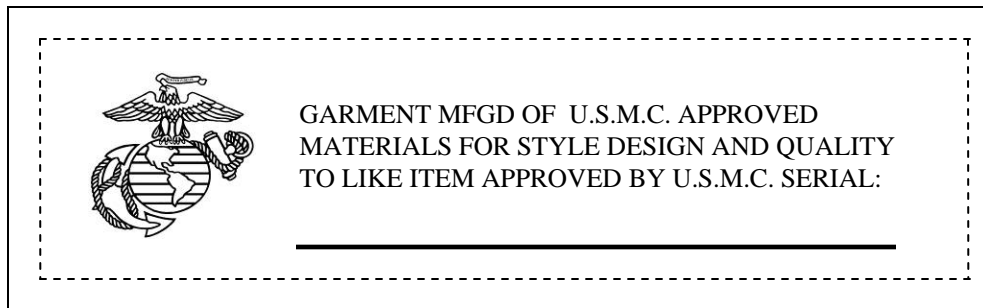


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## Advantages of Being Certified

- Marines look for it!!!
- The Eagle, Globe and Anchor garment label with a certification number indicates to Marines that the item is authorized for wear.



- The Marine Corps Exchanges, NEXCOM and AAFES are provided a list of approved vendors.
- Certification can assist with exigency purchases



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## How to Become Certified

- Obtain current spec from ASSIST website  
<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/>
- Request patterns or diagrams from Certification Officer
- Submit 2 identical samples and a completed MAC form to the Certification Officer

\* Some items require additional samples and test results from a certified lab

Example: OD T-Shirt





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- Certification Manual
- MAC Form - Manufacturer's Application for Certification Form
- List of all Certified Vendors
- List of Marine Corps Infantry Combat Boots
- List of Optional OD T-Shirts





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## Process

- Samples are evaluated for spec & standard compliance
- Samples may require additional testing, such as shade evaluation, or validation of tests submitted by the vendor
- Depending on the item, the average turnaround time is less than 4 weeks





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## Certified Vendors Receive:

- USMC Certification Number
- Official Approval Letter
- A tagged reference sample
- Company listing on Marine Corps Approved Sources Listing



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Certification Number: **22GSS39-000603-R59**  
Certification Date: **14 April 2008**  
Expiration Date: **14 April 2013**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Important Details

- Uniform certification is valid for 3 years
- Fabric & Accessory certification is valid for 5 years
- Certification Number is site specific and unique to each manufacturer and their associated subcontractor
- Manufacturing facilities are subject to inspection and certification can be revoked for non-compliance





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Questions?



<http://www.marcorsyscom.usmc.mil/sites/pmice/Clothing.asp/>