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Subject: Use of Unauthorized Versions of IATF Documents

主题：使用未经授权的 IATF 文件版本

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The IAOb in recent months has become aware of clients purchasing and using unauthorized versions of IATF Documents including AIAG Core Tool Documents (APQP, PPAP, MSA, SPC), AIAG & VDA FMEA Handbook, IATF 16949 and IATF Rules for Achieving and Maintaining Certification (collectively referred to as “Copyrighted Materials”). The IAOb is an interested party per the clause 4.2 of ISO 9001:2015 and owns the right to protect, defend and enforce the copyright of the above-mentioned Copyrighted Materials through the relevant copyright owners’ authorization. IAOb requires that certified clients comply with the local copyright laws.

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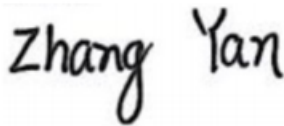
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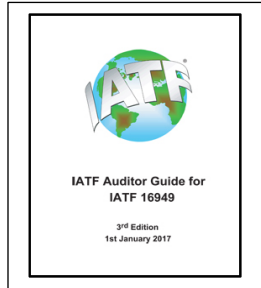
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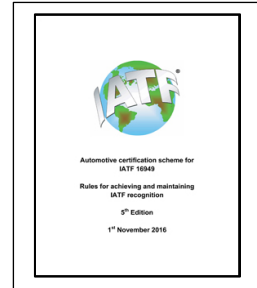
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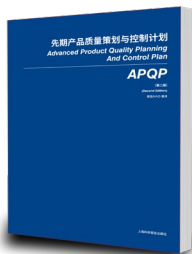
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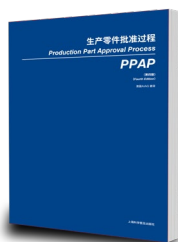
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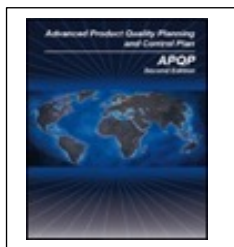
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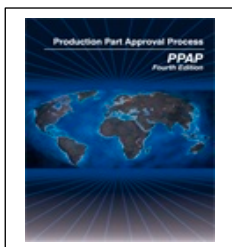
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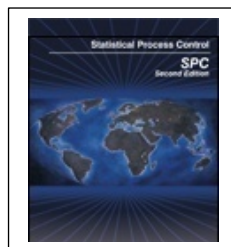
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