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# IMPLEMENTATION OF DIFFERENTIATED QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND FMEA METHOD IN THE NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION

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A new approach to the FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis - analysis of potential failures and their effects) method implementation in the newspaper production system shows non-compliances that may occur in the selected processes by implementing differentiated quality management system. Each sub-process and work activity within the selected processes in the newspaper production is differentially evaluated, and analysis provides the necessary information about the intensity of occurrence, severity and possible corrective actions in order to achieve and maintain high levels of quality newspaper products. FMEA analysis is presented in the modified tables for the newspaper product production process, and the preventive and corrective actions were recommended based on the results obtained. By performing preventive and corrective actions the occurrence of non-compliance is eliminated or minimized which ultimately makes the process more competitive and removes the non-compliance from the product.

Keywords: differentiation of quality management systems; FMEA; newspaper production; non-compliance

#### Implementacija diferenciranog sustava upravljanja kvalitetom i FMEA metode u novinsku proizvodnju

Izvorni znanstveni rad

Novim pristupom u implementaciji FMEA metode u sustavu novinske proizvodnje predstavljene su nesukladnosti koje se mogu pojaviti u odabranim procesima, temeljem primjene diferenciranog sustava upravljanja kvalitetom. Svaki potproces i radna aktivnost u okviru odabranih procesa novinske proizvodnje diferencirano se evaluira, a analizom se dolazi do potrebne informacije o intenzitetu pojavljivanja, serioznosti i mogućim korektivnim mjerama u svrhu postizanja i održanja visoke razine kvalitete novinskog proizvoda. FMEA analiza je predstavljena u modificiranim tabličnim obrascima za proces proizvodnje novinskog proizvoda, a temeljem dobivenih rezultata su preporučene preventivne i korektive aktivnosti. Izvedbom preventivnih i korektivnih aktivnosti, uklanja se ili minimizira pojavljivanje nesukladnosti što u konačnici proces čini konkurentnim i otklanja nesukladnosti iz proizvoda.

Ključne riječi: diferencijacija sustava upravljanja kvalitetom; FMEA; novinska proizvodnja; nesukladnost

#### 1 Introduction

Competition and increasing the efficiency have a direct impact on the newspaper industry and investment and search for possible improvements in the production process are necessary to increase profitability. Instead of exclusive care for the improvement in technology, it has become necessary to implement a business model that puts accent on the process performance. Quality management methods have proved to be the options for increasing efficiency of the process. Competition and costs in the printing industry have been steadily increasing, and the increase in profit, which is the goal of any production, can only be achieved by reducing costs and finding and eliminating non-compliance in the production process [1]. The application of tools and methods of quality management systems contributes to meeting requirements of the newspaper production for maximum product quality levels. Since the noncompliance in the production process leads to failures and the cause of non-compliance is not always immediately visible and recognizable, the method of failure analysis and their effects or the FMEA method is appropriate to find the cause of these variations. The causes of certain problems are unknown and it is necessary to conduct scientific researches to explore them. Probable noncompliance, its effects and identification of the cause are basic and initial characteristics of this method. The advantage of the implementation of method of failure mode and effects analysis in the production is more and more obvious, and this paper points to its purpose. The newspaper production is conditioned and defined by customer requirements and wishes therefore the

application of this method contributes to customer satisfaction and product quality.

FMEA method can be implemented in systems with quality management system that do not meet the quality requirements defined by the standard [2]. Orientation to the prevention of all potential failures and elimination and reduction of their effects to the lowest possible level makes this method different in comparison to similar methods. The applicability of the method is reflected in its simplicity and adaptability to all views of a problem. However, there are certain sectors of economy with more frequent application of this method [3]. There is a general procedure for the FMEA method implementation, however specific details vary depending on the standards of organizations or activities [4]. Following the decision on the team selection for the FMEA method implementation, it is of utmost importance to determine the scope of the FMEA analysis. The quality management differentiation precedes the application of the FMEA in order to avoid unnecessary quality costs. It is recommended to use a flow diagram to determine the scope and ensure the participation of each member of the team responsible for the FMEA implementation [5].

# 2 Implementation of the quality management system differentiation

Implementation of the quality management system differentiation in the newspaper printing house is appropriate for the systems which have already implemented one of the well-known quality management systems. From a total of five newspaper printing houses investigated, only one has not implemented the ISO

quality management system (QFS). This approach to quality management enables the printing process of a certain newspaper product to be observed in its organizational and technological complexity.

Implementation of vertical differentiation in a simplified form, i.e. degree of complexity in the NP system is shown in Tab. 1.

Table 1 Degree of complexity in the newspaper production system

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Purchase department	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	28	1,8	II
Sales department	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	3	30	2	II
Stock	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	3	31	2,1	II
Maintenance	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	36	2,4	II
Prepress	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	42	2,8	I
Offset plates production	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	43	2,9	I
Preprint	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	43	2,9	I
Print	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	44	2,9	I
Newspaper product finishing	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	33	2,2	II
Newspaper dispatch	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	40	2,67	I
Planning and analysis	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	21	1,4	III
Finance	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	27	1,8	II
Controlling	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	21	1,4	III
Bookkeeping and Accounting	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	22	1,5	III
Administration and Human Resources	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	18	1,2	III
Quality management	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	32	2,1	II
Waste management	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	20	1,3	III

In Tab. 1 the quality requirements are expressed as: high with grade 3, medium with grade 2 and low with grade 1. The value of the total degree of complexity is expressed as the sum score of organizational and technological complexity and the quality requirements. The degree of complexity for the observed processes was rated in the following way: category I average score for total degree of complexity ranges from 2,5 to 3, from 1,5 to 2,5 in category II and from 1 to 1,5 in category III.

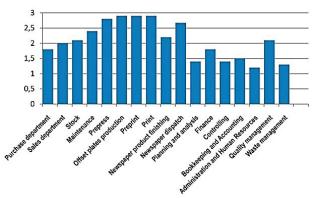


Figure 1Degree of complexity of the newspaper production process

Tab. 1 shows that vertical differentiation conditioned by the organizational and technological complexity also represents the starting point for the quality management differentiation in the organization of the newspaper production. The survey on organizational and technological complexity and quality requirements was conducted in five newspaper printing houses marked in the study's I, II, III, IV and V.

In accordance with the quality requirements and a high degree of complexity, the focus of quality management system will be on the processes of high organizational and technological complexity. Due to the effects of QMS implementation, the processes of medium and low technological complexity and quality requirements are expected to be marginalized. In any case, a detailed review of Tab. 1 and histogram in Fig. 1 show that the processes of Preprint and Print have the highest degree of complexity, as well as Graphic prepress, Offset plate production and Newspaper dispatch. This is rather an expected order, and it will be used in further research, analysis and application of the FMEA methodology.

# 3 Implementation of the FMEA methodology

Planning, quality assurance and control in the newspaper production system are implemented after the quality management system differentiation and identification of the newspaper production processes with the highest level of technological and organizational complexity and quality requirements.

With respect to the processes, sub-processes and tasks, the tools and techniques of quality management system were selected to detect reasons for the time unnecessary spent in the newspaper production processes and suggest certain corrections to avoid them. All influencing parameters occurring in the newspaper production processes were systematically investigated to determine the areas that are the cause of non-compliance (effects) [6].



Figure 2 Phases in identifying the causes, effect size and leaders of the corrective actions

The process of identifying causes, effect size and leaders of the corrective actions was implemented in three stages according to Fig. 2.

With regard to the problem characteristics, a modified FMEA table was applied as a tool of the quality management system suitable for the implementation of measures for potential improvement. The process of implementation of the FMEA is the use of tools, i.e. analytical method which considers possible causes of non-compliance regarding time, products or production processes and possible ways of their elimination [7, 8]. This method may identify potential non-compliance within the production process or the product itself, simulate the effect of non-compliance to the end user, identify potential non-compliance in the production and point to the places that need to be controlled in order to reduce and eliminate non-compliance. This method may help to draw up a list of potential non-compliance and develop a method of corrective and preventive measures for their control. The FMEA-tables, not standardized and varying depending on the goals of the analysis, are used for this purpose [9]. The entire production process is systematically analysed by this method in order to determine all possible causes of non-compliance. The production process needs to be divided analytically in the sub-processes and all functions of these components need to be determined. This phase of the FMEA-table implementation provides the basic information offered by this method. Based on the reliability assessment grades gained by analysing the newspaper production, the modifications in the processes are carried out in order to avoid possible non-compliance. This procedure is performed by filling the field in the table which calculates the risk priority number (RPN - Risk Priority Number) according to the degree of severity of non-compliance (SEV - Severity), the occurrence of non-compliance (OCC - Occurrence) and the detection of non-compliance (DET - Detection). Assessment of the degree of severity of non-compliance in the process can be viewed from several angles and evaluated numerically from 1 to 10 (1 for no or minimal effects to 10 for drastic effects threatening the system itself). The occurrence of noncompliance in the OCC field is the information necessary for selecting the components to be improved and it results from the nature of the cause of non-compliance. It is also evaluated numerically, from 1 for a very small probability of non-compliance to 10 for an almost certain occurrence of non-compliance. Detection of non-compliance is also evaluated on a scale from 1 for almost certain detection of non-compliance to 10 for absolute improbability for detection of non-compliance [10].

### 4 Research and results: creating a modified FMEA table

The modified FMEA-table was used to determine the RPN and obtain its relevant values. The sequence of creating the FMEA consists of defining the production process, identifying possible time lag and evaluating possible effects of non-compliance due to time lag in the newspaper production process. An overall criticality (S) is

assigned by taking these influential parameters into account. Possible causes, their character and non-compliance are identified and their strength (O) is assessed. Then the implemented supervision of the workprocesses analysed and probability of detection of non-compliance is assessed by applying current methods of supervision and control (D).

The risk priority number is calculated using the formula:  $RPN = O \times S \times D$ .

In the analysed example the RNP values greater than 100 are considered significant, those ranging from 10 to 100 are less significant, and below 10 insignificant. If the greater RPN value is in question, the component of noncompliance is more complex and should get higher priority when making modifications to the production system [11].

### 4.1 FMEA implementation in the graphic prepress

Next step, upon completion of the analysis and evaluation, is taking corrective actions. The sequence, from the recommendations for implementation of corrective actions to evaluation of the results of the implemented activities, is displayed in the FMEA form created by implementing the following steps in the graphic prepress.

The first part of FMEA form, Tab. 2, shows that RPN values in all seven sub-processes are greater than 100, indicating a demand for the implementation of certain corrective measures. Corrections are based on the results obtained from the cause and effect diagram.

The experiment or corrective actions that can be seen in the second part of FMEA form started upon completing the analysis and evaluation, Tab. 3. The sequence, from the recommendations for implementation of corrective actions to evaluation of the results of the implemented activities is displayed in the second part of the FMEA form by the following steps:

- I. Recommended corrective actions were implemented. They were in particular associated with improvements in the sub-process of receiving and control of the product elements by developing precise instructions for receiving and control of materials and development of procedures; in the next sub-process - graphic design and development of the product layout - there was no archive with key parameters related to customers (mainly in relation to the advertisements in the newspaper), so the layout and archive with key parameters were created. All sub-processes within graphic prepress process were accessed in the same way according to the identified critical points or areas for improvement.
- II. Leaders of corrective action implementation were selected; it means that responsible employees were appointed according to their function in the process of corrective action implementation.
- III. A detailed analysis of the implemented activities was performed.
- IV. Assessment and analysis of the achieved results were repeated.

Table 2 Adapted FMEA form for the process graphic prepress I part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	TIME LAG EFFECT	SEV	TIME LAG CAUSE	OCC	DET	RPN
Receiving and control of the product elements	Prolonged period of reviewing received pages	6	No standardized procedure in receiving the materials	6	5	180
Graphic design and product layout creation	Useless search for layout elements and production of creations previously done	4	No archive with key parameters related to the customers and the basic product forms	7	6	168
Image processing, retouching, and digitizing	Processing and pre-determination of the size of all images regardless of page break	3	No standardized procedure for selection, processing and formatting of images	6	7	126
Assembly	Use less waiting for certain elements for graphical layout completion	5	Due to delay in client's choosing the materials	5	7	175
Computer processing and assembly	Incomplete control of the technological distribution by the operator in assembly	6	No direct contact between technologists and operators in the computers assembly	4	7	168
Sending to CtP platesetter	Possibility of the faster montage output to the platesetter device	4	Separate montage output to lighting by the plate arrangement	6	5	120

Table 3 Adapted FMEA form for the process graphic prepress II part

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PRODUCTION PROCESSES	RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITIES	IMPLEMENTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	SEV	OCC	DET	PRPN
Receiving and control of the product elements	Create correct guidelines for receiving the material	Operator	Implemented standardized procedure in receiving the materials	5	3	5	75
Graphic design and product layout creation	Creating unified layout and archive with key parameters related to the customers	Operator	Creating an archive with unified layouts	3	4	5	60
Image processing, retouching, and digitizing	Create the accurate guidelines for selection, processing and formatting of images	Operator	Implemented accurate guidelines for selection, processing and formatting of images	3	5	6	90
Assembly	Define the priority level in page break creation	Operator	Defined priority level in page break creation	4	4	5	80
Computer processing and assembly	Create a procedure in the control and distribution of computer assembly	Operator	Created the procedure on the control of computer assembly	5	3	5	75
Sending to CtP platesetter	Defining the way of montage output to lighting	Operator	Defined the way of montage output to lighting	3	3	4	36

Table 4 Adapted FMEA form for offset plate process I part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	TIME LAG EFFECT	SEV	TIME LAG CAUSE	OCC	DET	RPN
Receiving database of digital pages	Long period of monitoring and control of the received database	6	Organisation and technical equipment for monitoring database	7	5	210
Exposure of the offset plates	Prepress present when exposing the offset plates	5	Individual offset plate insertion is not implemented	6	4	120
Offset plate finishing	Time loss in rearrangement of the offset plates in distribution by cylinders of the rotating machine	5	Punched finished plates are not arranged to fit distribution by cylinders of the rotating machine	5	5	125
Control of the offset plates	Unnecessary controls are carried out in the whole work - flow	4	Measurements of the control fields on the plates are performed regardless of the life span of the developer	6	5	120
Delivery of offset plates to the printing house	Slow delivery of offset plates to the printing house	7	Unnecessary loss of time in offset plates transport	6	4	165

# 4.2 FMEA implementation in the offset plate production

In this process the corrective actions are performed upon completion of the analysis and assessment as well. All activities, from recommendations for the corrective action implementation to the evaluation of the results of the implemented activities, are displayed in the FMEA form created by implementing the following steps in the process of offset plate production.

After analysing the first part of the FMEA form, Tab. 4, regarding causes and consequences of the occurrence of non-compliance in the process of offset plate production, it can be concluded that RPN values for all six sub-processes are greater than 100, which leads to demand for corrective action implementation. Recommended corrective actions can be seen in the second part of the FMEA form, Tab. 5, and actual improvements happen in the sub-process of offset plate processing. The perforated finished plates do not fold in

order to correspond to distribution by the offset machine cylinders. The implemented corrective action is the transport route adjustment from CtP device to the presscutter for faster plate distribution. In the next process of the file control there was no time lag, so there were no proposals for the process improvement. In further subprocesses the recommended corrective actions were

carried out in accordance with identified causes and consequences as seen in the form. Furthermore, leaders of corrective actions implementation were selected, i.e. the responsible employee in the process of corrective action implementation was appointed. Next step was analysing the activities undertaken and the repeated evaluation and analysis of the results obtained.

Table 5 Adapted FMEA form for offset plate process II part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	RESPONSABILITIES	IMPLEMENTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	SEV	OCC	DET	PRPN
Receiving database of digital pages	Organizing monitoring of the received database on several displays at the same time	Operator	Organized monitoring of database as recommended	4	5	4	80
Exposure of the offset plates	Eliminate prepress organisationally when exposing the offset plates	Operator	Prepress eliminated, plates inserted individually	4	5	3	60
Offset plate finishing	Extend the transport route from the exposure to the punching machine for the faster redistribution of plates	Operator	Transport route extended for faster redistribution of preformation flow	4	3	4	48
Control of the offset plates	Controls are carried out when changing developer of different manufacturer even out of time of the process	Operator	Standardised offset plate control process	3	5	4	60
Delivery of offset plates to the printing house	It is proposed to use several transport carts designated for each group of cylinders	Operator	Transport carts with barriers are used to project several linked cylinders	5	3	3	75

Table 6 Adapted FMEA form for the preprint stage of production I part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	TIME LAG EFFECT	SEV	TIME LAG CAUSE	OCC	DET	RPN
Preprint	Wasting time on sorting productions (launching a new product)	5	Productions are not always arranged by product name and technical parameters	6	5	150
Preparing paper on the rotating machine	Time of arranging rolls in the facility, longer time needed for installing paper roll on the carrier, longer time till the first correct impression	6	Depending on the number of newspaper pages, they may be printed on rolls of different widths and spend more time	6	4	144
Preparing ink on the rotating machine	Due to unconditioned ink (temperature) there is a time loss during preparation for starting print	7	Standardized amount for each set of ink in the containers is not prepared on time	5	6	210
Preparation of paper folding machine	During the preparation of the paper folding machine there is no possibility for immediate reaching the 60 % maximum speed	5	Punctures on the foldable cylinder need to be changed before they are completely worn out	5	6	150

# 4.3 FMEA implementation in the preprint stage of production

The corrective actions in the preprint stage of production were performed after completing the analysis and evaluation. All activities, from recommendations for the corrective action implementation to the evaluation of the results of the implemented activities, are displayed on the FMEA form created by implementing the following steps in the preprint stage of production.

Based on the time lag effects, its identified causes, the recommended corrective actions were performed due to the fact that the first part of the FMEA form in Tab. 6 shows that RPN values in all five sub-processes were

greater than 100, indicating the demand for corrective actions starting from sub-process of production preparation in which productions were not sorted by product and technical parameters.

Recommended corrective actions are completed. In further sub-processes, the recommended corrective actions were carried out in accordance with identified causes and effects, as seen in the second part of the FMEA form, Tab. 7. The leaders of implementation in certain sub-processes in which corrective actions were taken, i.e. the responsible employees were appointed. Next step was analysing the activities undertaken and the repeated evaluation and analysis of the results obtained.

Table 7 Adapted FMEA form for the preprint stage of production II part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITIES	IMPLEMENTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	SEV	OCC	DET	PRPN
Preprint	Sort productions by the product name and basic technical parameters	Operator	Productions sorted by the product name and basic technical parameters	4	5	4	80
Preparing paper on the rotating machine	Make proper selection of rolls, prepare reports on the stock status on time	Operator	Adjusted technological solutions according to the stock status	5	4	3	60
Preparing ink on the rotating machine	Refuel the machine containers for prepress jobs on time	Operator	Procedure for preparing inks on the machine completed	5	3	5	75
Preparation of paper folding machine	Order the operator to change the puncture according to the specified schedule	Operator	Procedure for changing punctures completed	4	4	5	80

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PRODUCTION PROCESSES START OF THE PRINTING	Time needed to reach		Settings without minimal ink		DET	RPN
PROCESS	equilibrium is extended	7	layer	6	6	252
Time needed to reach equilibrium	Time needed to reach equilibrium is extended	7	No pre-preparation of the water solution	6	5	210
	Time up for ink application is extended	7	Surface temperature of the paper rolls is not examined	5	6	210
2. Time up for ink application	Time up for ink application is extended	7	Impression control has not started on time	5	6	210
2. Time up for ink application	Time up for ink application is extended	7	Changing the speed of the machine by switching to the "second phase" due to the fine regulation.	5	6	210
	Time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers is extended	8	Simultaneous regulation of strip cutting, registry and coating is not taken into account	6	6	288
3. Time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers	Time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers is extended	8	Badly printed copies of newspapers are not separated manually when registries are disrupted	6	6	288
	Time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers is extended	8	The principle of the roll width in printing to use the whole one first, then the used one is not applied	6	6	288
4. Time of communication between foreman of the rotation and dispatch	Time of communication between foreman of the rotation and dispatch is extended new editions are not included in the study*	7	Upon reaching the equilibrium the operator does not control the printed newspaper and does not separate for editorial board in the newspaper dispatch	5	7	245
and dispatch	Time of communication between foreman of the rotation and dispatch is extended	7	The operator does not respond quickly to disturbed parameters (registry and application of inks)	5	7	245
5. Control of the printed copies Press production	Time loss till max. fast regulation of all parameters during newspapers printing	7	No prepared "database" on previously known productions for max. fast regulation of parameters in printing	6	5	210
6. Machine stopping	Printing time wasted on printing to complete circulation when numerator stops counting circulation	7	Within the machine stopping time correct copies are still printed or approximately 5 s	6	6	252

# 4.4 FMEA implementation in the printing process

The corrective actions in the printing process were performed after completing the analysis and evaluation. Recommendations for the corrective action implementation, evaluation of the results of the implemented activities, and responsibilities of employees are displayed on the FMEA form created by implementing the following steps in the printing process.

PRODUCTION	Table 9 Adap RECOMMENDED	ted FMEA form for the prin	nting process II part IMPLEMENTED		1		
PROCESSES	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITIES	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	SEV	OCC	DET	PRPN
START PRINTING	Set settings with minimal application of ink	Operator	Settings with minimal application of ink are set	5	4	3	60
PROCESS 1. Time needed to reach equilibrium	Preparation of the water solution 15 minutes before printing, add another 1 % of puffer	Operator	Water solution pre- prepared on time and added 1 %	5	4	4	80
2. Time up for ink	Check that the surface temperature of the paper does not deviate more than 5 % at the edges and in the centre of the paper rolls	Operator	Surface temperature of the paper rolls is checked	6	4	4	96
application	Examine pages at the edge of the roll and prepare a zone	Operator	Pages at the edge of the roll are examined, zone is prepared at approximately 10 %	5	4	4	80
	Do not change the speed of the machine by switching to the second phase	Operator	Switching to the second phase was performed without changing the speed of the machine	5	3	4	60
	Upon reaching the equilibrium regulate at the same time strip cutting, registry and application of ink at both control panels	Operator	Simultaneous regulation of strip cutting, registry and application of ink is done	6	4	5	120
3. Time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers	When registers in the printing process disrupt it is necessary to keep the speed, and extract bad copies of newspapers in dispatch	Operator	Machine speed is kept in the phase of establishing the working speed, bad copies are extracted in dispatch	6	3	5	90
	Avoid putting less than half of the roll to start printing	Operator	Implement the principle of printing first with the whole roll than with the used one	5	4	4	64
4. Time of communication between	Upon reaching equilibrium it is recommended that the dispatch operator controls the newspapers printed before extraction	Operator	Dispatch operator performed control and extraction of the newspapers	6	5	4	100
foreman of the rotation and dispatch	The operator must not interrupt the printing process. They must react quickly	Operator	Implemented recommendation on keeping the speed of printing in case of disturbed parameters with quick intervention	5	5	5	100
5. Control of the printed copies Press production	The foreman should identify the production, defines its name and regulates the printing by parameters known in advance	Operator	Database of previously known productions for regulating printing parameters was constructed	5	3	4	60
6. Machine stopping	Correct printed copies after printing completion should be included in total circulation	Operator	Printing was completed after printing planned number of correct printed newspapers	5	3	4	100

Since the printing process is a demanding phase in the newspaper production, the sub-process "start of the printing process's" divided into: time needed to reach equilibrium, time up to minimal ink layer, time up to the moment of receiving the first correct newspapers copy is extended and time of communication between foreman of the rotation and dispatch. In each of these phases the full

range of time lag effects was detected as seen in the first part of the FMEA form, Tab. 8. The recommended corrective actions relating to time lag in the sub-process "start of the printing process" in prolonging the time needed to reach equilibrium are caused by settings not set to the minimal ink layer. The effect of prolonged time for applying enough ink is caused by not measuring surface

temperature of the paper rolls. In all successive subprocesses the recommended corrective actions were carried out in accordance with the identified causes and effects, as seen in the FMEA form, Tab. 9. These corrective measures were carried out by the carriers of implementation, i.e. responsible employees were appointed in the process of corrective action implementation.

Next step was analysing the activities undertaken and repeated evaluation and analysis of the results obtained.

Table 10 Adapted FMEA form for the newspaper dispatch process I part

PRODUCTION PROCESSES	TIME LAG EFFECT	SEV	TIME LAG CAUSE	OCC	DET	RPN
Preparation of the stacker	Unnecessary management of a large number of packages	6	Maximum packet size (8 kg) is not used	5	4	120
Taking newspapers from rotation	Time loss in taking newspapers from rotation	6	Counters are exclusively used in taking newspapers	6	5	180
Newspapers are disposed on the pallets	Time loss due to the complaints about the number of newspapers in packages when re-packaging	7	Inadequate control of the number of newspapers in packages	5	5	175
Disposal of pallet	Time loss while looking for and manipulating the pallets for the next production process	7	Pallets with printed newspapers are not stacked by the ongoing process of finishing	5	4	140
Sorting and gluing addresses	Creating additional phases of work and additional expenditure of time	6	The addresses is placed after removing papers from the pallet	6	4	144
Loading of vehicles	Time loss due to the transport of the finished packages (hand and machine-made) in the transport vehicle	7	All packages of newspapers with addresses are sent to the vehicle via conveyor belt	6	4	168

Table 11 Adapted FMEA form for the newspaper dispatch process II part

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PRODUCTION PROCESSES	RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	RESPONSABILITIES	IMPLEMENTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	SEV	OCC	DET	PRPN
Preparation of the stacker	Implementation of the maximum packet size in the newspapers packages management	Operator	Implemented procedure for managing the maximum packet size	5	4	2	40
Taking newspapers from rotation	Monitoring a set of parameters that ensure the smooth taking newspapers from rotation besides the counter usage	Operator	Issued order for monitoring the whole range of parameters for taking newspapers	4	5	4	80
Newspapers are disposed on the pallets	Recommendation to use a digital scale and weigh randomly selected packages of newspapers	Operator	Using a digital scale when controlling the number of newspapers in the packages	5	4	3	60
Disposal of pallet	Recommendation to deposit pallets of newspapers by priority of the following working operation	Operator	Implemented procedure on the deposit of the pallets with printed newspapers	5	4	3	60
Sorting and gluing addresses	Place full packages on the prepared place on the tables instead of the pallets	Operator	Implemented procedure on the flow of packages of newspapers being addressed	4	3	4	48
Loading of vehicles	Deliver addressed hand- made packages to the vehicle by hand, not via conveyor belt	Operator	Implemented procedure for loading addressed packages of newspapers to the vehicle	5	3	4	60

In assessing the results after implemented activities in the second part of the FMEA form, Tab. 9, it can be seen that production phase of time up to applying enough ink reaches the RPN of 96, the RPN of the production phase of time up to receive the first copy of the newspapers is 120, and the time of communication between foreman of the rotation and dispatch revealed two cases noncompliance is 100. It is obvious that there is still room for implementing new corrective actions, but since it is about a small time savings, the need and effectiveness of further implementation is under consideration.

# 4.5 FMEA implementation in the newspaper dispatch process

In the newspaper dispatch process the corrective actions were performed after completing the analysis and evaluation, shown in Tab. 10. All activities, from recommendations for the corrective action implementation to the evaluation of the results of the implemented activities, are displayed on the FMEA form created by implementing the following steps in the process of dispatch.

Recommended corrective actions are related to the improvements in the sub process of preparing the stacker by making maximum packet size in the newspapers packaging due to unnecessary handling of a large number of packages, which saves time. And in a further subprocess, as seen in the FMEA form, Tab. 11, the recommended corrective actions were made in accordance with identified causes and effects. The leaders of the corrective actions implementation in certain subprocesses, i.e. the responsible employees were appointed. Next step was analysing the implemented activities and the repeated evaluation and analysis of the results obtained.

### 5 Conclusion

Control of the production processes is important, especially in the newspaper production, and the methods for controlling the process quality as well. Based on the results of this study it can be concluded that there are noncompliances which extend the time of the newspaper production in certain phases ultimately leading to the price increase and the lack of competitiveness. Besides quality, the price of graphic products is one of the crucial parameters for surviving in competitive markets. Therefore, the quality control, by including all influential parameters and not just the production time, cannot be left to chance or the assumption that a competent and quality newspaper product will be made in an optimal time frame meeting the customer requirements. It takes a systematic approach to improve the quality of the newspaper product and production process using methods of quality management system that will reduce the incidence of time lag and ultimately remove it from the newspaper production system. This paper confirmed the usability of the FMEA method in the newspaper production.

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