



Counterfeit and fraudulent items

There is large, profitable and growing capability by unscrupulous organisations to counterfeit or fraudulently produce and sell aerospace & defence grade components and materials as genuine. The world-wide trade in these illegal items is worth £ multi-millions per annum.

Manufacturers of aerospace & defence equipment are increasingly at risk of unwittingly embodying these counterfeit or fraudulent items into their deliverable products with potentially catastrophic consequences.

This risk has the potential to manifest at any point in the supply chain so Wilsons Engineering demands equal vigilance from their sub-tiers throughout the supply chain in avoiding and detecting all items that are not genuine.

Definitions

Counterfeit Item: An item confirmed to be a copy, imitation or substitute that has been represented, identified, or marked as genuine, and/or altered without legal right with intent to deceive or defraud.
Fraudulent Item: Any item misrepresented to the customer as meeting the customer's requirements.

Warning Signs

Be suspicious of counterfeit and fraudulent items if you encounter any of the following warning signs:

- **Identification Markings** -Alterations, wrong size, location, marking method incorrect, smudged or blurred, lot or batch numbers missing, incorrect suppliers logo
- **Product Condition** -Resurfaced / refinished, evidence of re-work, wrong colour, shape or size, evidence of previous use (used item)
- **Paperwork / Certificate of Conformity** -Accompanying paperwork has poor spelling or grammar, errors or evidence of tampering, missing information or does not relate to the delivered product
- **Lot Information** -Unusual serialisation or reference numbers, lot information missing
- **Chain of Ownership** -Unverifiable traceability to source
- **Unusual Location** -Items delivered from a location differing from previous or from prohibited countries
- **Low Price** -A price significantly lower than historical pricing data or market norm
- **Availability** -Obsolete or scarce items suddenly becoming available
- **OEM Certification** -Unavailable OEM certification or uncertified OEM
- **Unfamiliar Supplier** -Supplier or agent / stockist not known or previously used.

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