

Counterfeit Avoidance Statement

Definitions taken from the SAE AS5553 Standard:

Suspect Part

A part for which there is objective and credible evidence indicating that the part is likely a Counterfeit Part.

Counterfeit Part

- (1) An unauthorized copy, imitation, substitute, or modified part, which is knowingly misrepresented as a specified genuine part of the manufacturer.
- (2) Or a previously used EEE Part which has been modified and is knowingly misrepresented as new without disclosure to the customer that it has been previously used.

NOTE: Examples of a counterfeit part can include, but are not limited to; the false identification of grade, serial number, date code or performance characteristics.

Definition of Counterfeit Materiel taken from the MoD DEF STAN 05-135:

Materiel whose origin, age, composition, configuration, certification status or other characteristic (including whether or not the materiel has been used previously) has been falsely represented by:

- a) misleading marking of the materiel, labelling or packaging;
- b) misleading documentation; or
- c) any other means, including failing to disclose information;

except where it has been demonstrated that the misrepresentation was not the result of dishonesty by a supplier or sub-supplier within the supply chain.

Note: Regardless of the governing law of the supply contract, the term "origin" is to be accorded the same meaning as the equivalent term found in European Directive 2008/95/EC (the "Trade Marks" Directive), and the terms "falsely represented", "misleading", "failing to disclose information" and "dishonesty" are to be accorded the same meaning as the equivalent terms found in the United Kingdom's Fraud Act 2006.

NOTE:

Counterfeit avoidance must be maintained on all materiel that includes EEE (Electrical, Electronic, Electro-Mechanical), Mechanical parts as well as Raw Materials.

General Dynamics Mission Systems Limited (GD-MS) has a pro-active CFSI (Counterfeit Fraudulent & Suspect Items) avoidance policy and process that is based upon SAE AS5553 and the IEC/TS 62668 standards. Other documents have been used as references and are shown in the "Applicable Standards and Specifications" section. GD-MS has an internal Counterfeit Avoidance Team (CAT) that pro-actively investigates the latest counterfeits issues on a regular basis.

GD-MS is also a member of industry recognised counterfeit avoidance committees including the MoD CAWG (Ministry of Defence Counterfeit Avoidance Working Group), SAE G19 and provides support to the Anti-Counterfeiting Forum website: www.anticounterfeitingforum.org.uk

GD-MS procures parts from approved Original Component Manufacturers (OCM), Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and approved franchised distributors that are contracted to supply the parts used in the company's products to the timescales required.

Where the supplier notifies the GD-MS Supply Chain that parts to be ordered are obsolete from their approved sources, all data provided by the supplier shall be submitted to the internal Component Engineering department for verification.