

# Policy – Counterfeit and Suspect Items

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## Amendment Record

Policies are reviewed annually to ensure relevance to the systems and processes they define.

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## Policy

### Our Commitment

At Nautic Engineering Ltd safety is our overriding priority and we believe that the co-operation of our supply chain throughout the tiers is essential to maintaining the highest standards for all of the goods/services we supply.

We understand the potential risks concerning the supply of Counterfeit, Fraudulent and Suspect Items (CFSI) within the supply chain, and to this end we only use suppliers that can demonstrate the quality and source of the goods that we require.

Counterfeit/fraudulent material is material whose origin, age, composition, configuration, certification status or other characteristic (including whether or not the material has been used previously) has been falsely represented in any of the following ways:

- Misleading marking of the material, labelling or packaging.
- Misleading documentation.
- Any other means, including failing to disclose information.

We are committed to preventing such items from getting into our facilities and processes. We understand that counterfeit products can enter the supply chain which can affect the company and our customers' products and services. As such we understand our customers expect the highest quality products that our supply chain can deliver. The prevention of counterfeit items entering the supply chain is a vital step in reducing the risk of these items being provided to our customers. We will mitigate this risk by:

- Not using online auctions or web markets to source products, as these are a common source of counterfeit items;
- Ensuring all suppliers are fully assessed prior to placing any orders and confirming that all suppliers used are included on our Approved Suppliers List; and
- Ensuring full traceability on purchased products, where contractually required.

All personnel who are involved in the purchasing of goods have been informed of the potential for CFSI and advised that all goods must be purchased directly from the manufacturers or from agreed and official distribution channels.

If any CFSI items are discovered within our supply chain, we will notify our customers immediately so that they may cease the use of this item and inform any other parties which may be using them. These will be managed in accordance with our Control of Non-Conforming Product procedure NEL-PRO 2

These items should then be quarantined and destroyed, and not returned to the supplier to prevent them from re-entering the supply chain.