

# Farnell Counterfeit Electronic Part Mitigation Policy

## Purpose

Farnell is committed to securing the integrity of its supply chain.

This policy covers Farnell's purchasing, product receiving, shipping, and returns handling departments.

## Counterfeit Mitigation Activities

1. Farnell's policy is to source electronic parts from the manufacturer or the manufacturer's authorised distributors, unless with the express written consent of the customer.
2. Purchasing, product receiving, shipping and returns handling departments maintain procedures intended to detect counterfeit or suspect electronic parts and to reduce counterfeit electronic part proliferation.
3. Electronic part traceability to the manufacturer or its authorised distributor is maintained. Upon customer request, date and lot code availability information can be provided at time of quote.
4. Suspect and counterfeit electronic parts are quarantined to prevent the inadvertent re-introduction of such parts into the supply chain.
5. Farnell works with its suppliers to investigate and identify suspect and counterfeit electronic parts.
6. Inspection of electronic parts is conducted as appropriate. Since Farnell purchases parts from manufacturers or their authorised distributors, testing is not usually required.
7. Counterfeit awareness and mitigation training is provided to Farnell employees as appropriate.
8. The Farnell management is responsible for implementation of this Policy in the respective areas of control.

## Definitions

A “counterfeit product” is a product that has been confirmed to be a copy, imitation or substitute that has been represented, identified or marked as genuine, and/or altered by a source without legal right with intent to mislead, deceive or defraud.

A ‘suspect product’ is a product for which visual inspection, testing or other information may indicate that the product may be counterfeit.

An “electronic part” is an integrated circuit, a discrete electronic component (including, but not limited to, a transistor, capacitor, resistor, or diode), or a circuit assembly.



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