



## AWE Counterfeit, Fraudulent and Suspect Items Policy statement

AWE are proud to play a central role in the defence of the United Kingdom, providing and maintaining nuclear warheads for the Continuous At Sea Deterrent.

An increasingly complex global supply chain means it is imperative that materiel is traceable, inspected and managed to ensure authenticity.

AWE understands the growing risk counterfeit, fraudulent and suspect items pose to safety, performance and reliability and in line with Defence Standard 05-135 “Avoidance of Counterfeit Materiel” remain committed to establishing relationships and processes in order to reduce the risk of such materiel entering its business.

In relation to counterfeit, fraudulent and suspect items our objectives are to:

- Take an active role in the detection, prevention and removal of these items from the supply chain
- Continually review and improve, as necessary, our purchasing processes, aimed at reducing the risk of procuring such items
- Challenge our external supply chain to actively manage the risk of these items
- Participate in industry committees in an effort to reduce the use of affected items throughout the Defence Industry
- Ensure materiel is traceable, inspected and managed for authenticity
- Ensure any suspect materiel is quarantined and a non-conformance is recorded, contained, and investigated to enable appropriate corrective and preventative action

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