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COUNTERFEIT PARTS SUPPLIER NOTIFICATION

At Vadatech our customers count on our equipment and trust that our products will achieve their mission.

Sub-standard and unreliable parts present a serious threat to our goal of producing safe and reliable product. One cause of sub-standard and unreliable parts is counterfeit components. Our Suppliers are required to implement an appropriate strategy to ensure that articles delivered to VADATECH INC. are not counterfeit.

“Counterfeit Work can be defined as “items that are or contain unlawful or unauthorized reproductions, substitutions or alterations that have been knowingly mismarked, misidentified or otherwise misrepresented to be an authentic, unmodified part from the original manufacturer or a source with the express written authority of the original manufacturer or the current design activity, including an authorized aftermarket manufacturer.” Unlawful or unauthorized substitution includes used items represented as new or the false identification of grade, serial number, lot number and date code or performance characteristics.”

The Supplier’s strategy shall include, but is not limited to, the direct procurement of articles from OEMs or authorized Suppliers, conducting approved testing or inspection to ensure their authenticity, and, when articles are to be procured from non-authorized Suppliers, obtaining from such non-authorized Suppliers, appropriate certificates of conformance that provide one or more of the following:

- the OEM’s original certificate of conformance for the article;
- sufficient records providing unbroken supply chain traceability to the OEM; or
- tests and inspection records demonstrating the article’s authenticity.

If the Supplier becomes aware or suspects that it has furnished counterfeit articles to VADATECH INC., the Supplier shall promptly notify Vadatech Inc. and replace, at Supplier’s expense, such counterfeit articles with OEM or buyer-approved conforming articles. The Supplier shall be liable for costs related to the replacement of counterfeit articles and any testing or validation necessitated by the installation of authentic articles after counterfeit articles have been replaced.

The Supplier bears responsibility for procuring authentic articles or items from its subcontractors and shall ensure that such subcontractors comply with these requirements. Diligence must be given to the identification, tracking, inspection and management of parts throughout the supply chain to ensure the authenticity of critical parts and materials is not compromised. Suppliers must have robust counterfeit part control plans that meet and or exceed industry and any applicable government standards.