

## Tech Optics Ltd Policy on Protection from Counterfeit Product

Tech Optics Ltd. is a manufacturer of fibre optic cable assemblies and an authorized distributor representing a wide range of manufacturers. As such Tech Optics Ltd sources components and products directly from the original manufacturer or their authorised master distributors. This ensures the elimination of the possibility of supplying counterfeit goods. When buying from Tech Optics Ltd. customers can be confident that they will receive:

- Genuine product in the original packaging
- Products that conform to the manufacturer's specifications
- Manufacturer backed warranty
- Traceability to the original source
- Certificates of conformance (when requested)
- Manufacturer backed technical support

We strive to meet the requirements of DEF STAN 05-135 Avoidance of Counterfeit Materiel as follows.

- The objectives of this policy are integral to our operational processes.
- This statement of our Policy is made available to customers upon request.
- The arrangements to manage the risk of counterfeit materiel are integrated into our operational processes.
- The Managing Director ensures that this policy and related procedures are available, communicated, understood and implemented by relevant staff at all levels within the organization.
- The Managing Director has the responsibility and authority to ensure that procedures required to manage the risk of counterfeit materiel in the supply chain are implemented and will resolve any concerns regarding counterfeit materiel within the supply chain. Awareness of the risk of counterfeit materiel in the supply chain is promoted where risk assessment deems it necessary.
- Training promotes awareness and competence are determined in accordance with QAP11 Training Procedure.
- Records of training and competence are maintained in accordance with QAP11 Training Procedure.
- QAP01 Purchasing Control stipulates that a branded part will only be sourced from the original manufacturer and approved supplier of that part as defined on our parts database. This minimizes the risk of procuring counterfeit materiel.
- By purchasing branded products directly from the manufacturer and approved source we minimize the risk of receiving counterfeit goods.
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- Given that we purchase branded products directly from the manufacturer and approved source we minimize the risk of receiving counterfeit goods and our QAP02 Control of Materials: Goods Inwards Process adequately manages the acceptance of materiel.
- Any product suspected of being non-conforming is dealt with in accordance with QAP06 Control of Non-Conforming Product (which also requires the Managing Director and supplier to be notified).
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- QAP06 Control of Non-Conforming Product requires that non-conforming product is reported to any affected customers and the supplier (who would normally be the manufacturer and owner of the intellectual property rights). Given that we buy branded products from the original manufacturer and only the approved source on our parts database it is difficult to imagine a scenario where we might receive counterfeit goods. However if we did feel that we had received counterfeit goods we would notify our local Trading Standards office and the supplier.

Signed:

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