

## **COUNTERFEIT & SUSPECT ITEMS STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the Company that effective procedures and processes are implemented in the key functional areas purchasing, sales, goods receiving and order processing, and that these controls are sufficiently robust to eliminate the risk of the supply of Counterfeit or Suspect Items to our customers.

Counterfeit material is material whose origin, composition, configuration, certification status or other characteristics (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 (e.g., Material and/or test certification)
- ❖ Any other means, including failing to disclose information

Metalex endeavours to be the most trusted provider of consistently high quality metals. As a stockist distributor, the Company is not engaged in the manufacture of the materials it supplies, but our Policy is to purchase high quality material from recognised approved suppliers. This is driven by a purchase strategy of developing and maintaining strong supply chain relationships with our key suppliers based on co-operation, integrity and mutual trust. Supplier credentials are checked and verified at regular intervals by suitably experienced personnel, this is completed in accordance with the Company's supplier selection, evaluation and re-evaluation process.

Should any Counterfeit or Suspect Items be discovered, the Company will work closely with any affected customers to ensure that the Counterfeit or Suspect Items are quarantined and destroyed (or otherwise rendered unusable), in order to prevent the items from re-entering the supply chain.

All employees directly involved in any of the Company's key functional areas will be appropriately trained and made aware of the Counterfeit and Suspect Item and the potential risks that they present to the supply chain.

We believe that the measures described above will provide the necessary safeguards to our customers in protecting them from the risk of supply of Counterfeit and Suspect Items.



Adam Rogers  
General Manager