

Counterfeit Component Procedures

Aim Electronics is committed to providing the highest quality franchised components to our customers. As global business expands, the needs of our customers change, and we are requested to provide non-franchised source product to satisfy the needs of our customer base. The following represents the stringent efforts we take with regard to these efforts:

1. No product may be purchased from the Far East, not limited to, but including, Hong Kong, China, India and other countries that have shown a propensity to supply counterfeit goods. We only purchase components from our verified franchise component sources, or extraneous pre qualified franchise component distribution or manufacturing.
2. With a counterfeit waiver signed from the customer, we will procure goods from sources other than our verified franchise sources or extraneous pre qualified franchise component distribution. When goods are procured, before they enter the supply chain, they are sent to a third party inspection facility. This facility performs quality analysis of the individual component, x-rays the internal structure and confirms with the manufacturer the date and lot code of the product. After this confirmation is completed, the parts are sampled to the customer for first article inspection. If completed successfully, the parts are deemed suitable for insertion into the marketplace. If found to be counterfeit, the parts are destroyed or returned to the originating supplier and marked as counterfeit. The manufacturer of the component is notified of this transaction.
3. The majority of components, averaging in the 99.9% range, are sourced and supplied by the franchised source factories found on our line card. If we cannot supply the required component, we will source from another franchised distributor. Using this method, we have found that the counterfeit supply of components has been eliminated from our supply chain, and our customers are only receiving first quality original source manufactured components.

