

COUNTERFEIT PARTS AVOIDANCE POLICY

XLR8 Services Inc. (XLR8) has developed and implemented a Counterfeit Parts Policy to eliminate the exposure of counterfeit parts and components to the company and ultimately to our customer and end users. Counterfeit parts can result in safety and performance issues which cannot be tolerated for high reliability electronics assemblies that are manufactured by the company for the defense, medical and commercial industrial industries where continued performance is required.

XLR8 internal procedures are in place and are consistent with AS5553 to avoid, detect, mitigate and disposition counterfeit electrical, electronic and electromechanical (EEE) parts. Our internal procedures include (but are not limited to) the following steps;

- XLR8 evaluates electronic component suppliers and shall determine if the supplier is an OEM, Authorized Manufacturer or Franchised Distributor. This information must be readily verifiable.
- XLR8 purchasing shall purchase EEE parts from OEMs, Authorized Manufacturers or Franchised Distributors included on the XLR8 Approved Vendor List (AVL). Purchasing from brokers or unverified sources is by customer direction and written approval only.
- In all cases, purchases of EEE components shall include requirements for providing documentation of traceability that satisfies contract requirements and provides sufficient confidence that the parts are not counterfeit.
- Purchasing from brokers or other unverified sources is only allowed by customer direction and when the inspection and certification controls are met. When purchasing aerospace electronic components from Brokers, accredited certification of the Broker organization to AS9120 is highly preferred.
- XLR8 Services investigates, through reporting sources such as ERAI and GIDEP, for alerts of suspect counterfeiting incidents.