

Counterfeit, Fraudulent and Suspect Items (CFSI) Statement

Introduction

There is a significant risk to product quality from Counterfeit, Fraudulent and Substandard Items (CFSI). To help mitigate this risk, many customers are now requiring suppliers of products to implement processes that aim to prevent, detect and dispose of CFSI.

Counterfeit material is described by Wernick as material whose origin, age, composition, configuration, certification status or other characteristic has been falsely represented by;

- Misleading marking of the material, labelling or packaging
- Misleading documentation
- Failure to disclose information

Risk Mitigation

The Wernick Group employs a number of processes during manufacture of our products and services that help prevent, detect and dispose of CFSI. Authorised persons carry out these actions as required.

Purchasing

- *Suppliers evaluated and approved in-line with a documented process*
- *Raw materials are purchased to agreed specifications*

Goods inwards

- *Incoming product accompanied by certification, which is checked against original Purchase Order*
- *Incoming product inspected for suspect items and validated against purchasing specification in-line with a documented process*
- *Any non-conformance is raised with the supplier and material rejected if necessary*

Storage, stock, holding

- *Product used for manufacture is stored in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, or, where such recommendations do not exist, in accordance with identified best practice.*

Manufacture

- *All products are manufactured on-site using materials from approved suppliers, to approved processes and under closely-monitored conditions*
- *Product is inspected and any non-conformance is reviewed and material/components rejected if necessary. Examples of points for inspection from International Standards are appearance, inclusions/foreign objects and defects*

Testing

- *Where appropriate, product is tested to meet the requirements of international standards*
- *Product identified as non-conforming is isolated, quarantined and disposed of accordingly*

Goods outwards

- *All documentation is checked and approved prior to despatch, and product, where appropriate is certified in line with our ISO9001/14001 certification*

Communication

- *All interested parties will be made aware of this statement*
- *This statement will be reviewed on an annual basis*

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