

## **MPSI COUNTERFEIT POLICY STATEMENT**

For our Franchised, made to order and general products this policy statement is not applicable.

As part of our Diverse Distribution model, MPSI offers an Independent Distribution service to our clients for electronic components and acknowledges the ever increasing global problem of counterfeiting. MPSI has a duty of care to ensure that we have stringent policies in place to protect both our valuable reputation and our customers from the risks of receiving counterfeit or substandard product.

Key to this is our 'Safe Sourcing' policy which prioritises sourcing from approved sources such as:

- Category 1 - Franchised Distributors
- Category 2 - Component Manufacturers
- Category 3 - Manufacturers Rep/Agents
- Category 4 - OEM/CEM Inventories
- Category 5 - Approved Independent Distributors

Our 'Safe Sourcing' policy dictates that when it is not possible to purchase from categories 1-4, MPSI shall give procurement priority to Category 5 suppliers that have been vetted or are known to MPSI and have worked with us extensively. These Category 5 approved suppliers work in accordance with our terms and conditions and published guidelines & standards for non-franchised component supply. Such suppliers often perform initial screening, verification and inspection of devices on our behalf prior to despatch and in advance of our own full & extensive goods-inwards inspection & verification process.

Our inspection processes cannot be represented fully in this policy statement but we perform a regimented inspection and retain full photographic traceability for referencing purposes. Should any concerns arise during this process we may determine that a higher level of inspection is required and on occasions professional device testing and component verification may be undertaken.

In our endeavour to support clients with many varied and difficult requirements it is not always possible to source strictly within these approved sources and sometimes MPSI does need to procure product from non-approved independent distributors. In such instances suitable due diligence checks are undertaken and product is subject to heightened procurement and inspection processes.

Full details of our in-house inspection processes can be made available upon request.

