

Counterfeit Material Policy

The DB Defence Business (DBD) is established to develop and supply high-integrity power transmission systems to the UK Defence market and its allied partners, principally within the Marine and Land domains. DBD is committed to meeting the requirements of its customers and relevant interested parties, and to supporting the UK's Continuous At Sea Deterrent (CAS-D) Programme, Global Combat Ship (GCS) Programme, and the sustained operational readiness of the UK Armed Forces.

As a long-established gearbox manufacturer with one of the most capable gear manufacturing facilities in the UK, our objective is to deliver operational excellence through professionalism, innovation, and safe, faultless project delivery.

The Company recognises the risks posed by counterfeit, fraudulent, and suspect materials within an increasingly complex global supply chain and is committed to ensuring the authenticity of all parts, materials, and equipment. Robust controls are applied to verify, trace, and manage items throughout the supply chain to protect product conformity, safety, and operational integrity.

This commitment is achieved through the implementation and continual improvement of a counterfeit material prevention process in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 and Defence Standard 05-135.

DB Defence is committed to:

- Establishing and maintaining controls to detect, prevent, remove, and mitigate counterfeit, fraudulent, and suspect parts, materials, and equipment within the supply chain.
- Ensuring suspected or confirmed counterfeit material is promptly identified, quarantined, and reported in accordance with applicable requirements.
- Continually improving supply chain processes to reduce the risk of procuring counterfeit parts or materials.
- Applying supplier assurance, monitoring, and performance requirements to ensure external providers meet equivalent standards to those applied internally.
- Flowing down counterfeit material prevention requirements and promoting awareness throughout the organisation and its external supply chain.

The Head of Supply Chain is responsible for managing and mitigating the risks associated with counterfeit, fraudulent, and suspect materials in accordance with Defence Standard 05-135. All personnel involved in procurement, inspection, and product or material acceptance receive appropriate periodic training to ensure awareness and effective implementation of counterfeit material controls.

This Policy is communicated, applied throughout the organisation, and reviewed at planned intervals to maintain its suitability, effectiveness, and alignment with DBD's strategic direction.

Signed.....
Michelle Rodgers, Head of Supply Chain

Date 29/01/2026.....

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Mike Helme, CEO

Date 17/02/26.....