

Counterfeit and Fraudulent Items

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Biography

Tom has more than 20 years' experience in Eaton's electrical business, focusing for more than ten of those years on the impact of counterfeiting on Eaton and the electrical industry. As brand protection manager of Eaton's Electrical Sector – Americas, he has undertaken the global coordination for brand protection and continues to promote counterfeit awareness, product enhancement, and policy enforcement throughout Eaton's electrical sectors in the Americas, EMEA and APAC. Tom has done extensive field work that includes market research and administrative actions in China, research and investigations in the Middle East, as well supporting federal authorities conducting criminal investigations of counterfeit products in the United States. Tom is actively engaged in training with federal agencies and local law enforcement and has conducted anti-counterfeit training at most of the major U.S. ports. To raise the awareness of the risks of counterfeit electrical products Tom frequently collaborates with industry associations such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), North American Electrical Distributors (NAED), Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFi), and the Professional Apparatus Recyclers League (PEARL.) Tom holds a BS degree from the University of South Florida.

Abstract - Counterfeit and Fraudulent Items

Evidence of suspect and counterfeit electrical products over the last two years, the globalization of our supply chain, and the importance of delivering the Nuclear Promise create unique challenges in our commercial nuclear power facilities. It is incumbent upon plant owners to recognize the risks, remain vigilant, and implement appropriate measures to detect and effectively control counterfeit, fraudulent, suspect items. This presentation will provide an overview into the problem, the growing challenges, and steps to mitigate these risks from a supply chain perspective.

