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### **Curtiss-Wright Expands Industry-Leading Counterfeit Mitigation Efforts with Improved Obsolescence Mitigation Reporting Procedures**

***New policy provides COTS module customers with no-cost access to full authenticity/testing reports for obsolescence mitigation***

ASHBURN, Va. – May 2, 2017 -- [Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division](#) today announced new steps that further enhance its [industry-leading counterfeit parts mitigation procedures](#) for customers of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) boards. For many years, Curtiss-Wright has offered its PLUS services, providing authenticity and testing reports to meet specific customer requirements for prior approval of the use of broker material, based on standardized component authentication testing, as a purchasable option. These reports, including all supply chain and data reporting to standard testing guidelines included in the AS5553/AR6328 standards, combined with the opportunity for prior approval for the use of broker material, will now be made available to customers of standard board products at no additional cost. The use of brokered parts has always only been undertaken when no other supply avenue is available in addressing obsolescence issues and always requires customer notification.

Long a leader in Counterfeit Parts Avoidance, Curtiss-Wright maintains an AS5553 and DFARS compliant set of processes and fills an active role on the SAE G19CI committee responsible for evolution of these standards. By making it simpler and cost-free for COTS customers to obtain full access to these reports, Curtiss-Wright continues its legacy and furthers its commitment to providing the industry's most effective and innovative lifecycle management services. These steps will further improve the company's efforts to eliminate the threat of counterfeit parts in the supply chain of electronics used in aerospace and defense solutions.

"To provide our customers with the highest level of confidence that no counterfeit parts enter their supply chain, Curtiss-Wright has long led the COTS industry in establishing the most effective procedures to mitigate that risk and ensure due diligence has been undertaken," said Lynn Bamford, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Defense Solutions division. "Our newly expanded counterfeit mitigation and broker reporting procedures ensure all customers have access and approval of authenticity and testing results for any part purchased from a broker. We believe this establishes the industry's most robust and forward thinking approach to supporting our customers and addressing DoD mandates for effective counterfeit mitigation procedures."

For more information on Curtiss-Wright lifecycle management services, please visit [www.curtisswrightds.com](http://www.curtisswrightds.com).

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