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Dear xxxx:

The SAE Counterfeit Avoidance Steering Group (CASG) is writing in anticipation of the upcoming revisions to AS5553A "Counterfeit Electronic Parts; Avoidance, Detection, Mitigation, and Disposition". The CASG membership has had several meetings to discuss the AS5553A requirements with the goal of getting consensus for proposed revisions that the CASG member companies could support as their common baseline counterfeit avoidance system requirements.

The SAE International (SAE) Counterfeit Avoidance Steering Group (CASG) is in the process of being established under the SAE Aerospace Council. The CASG membership is comprised of major Aerospace prime companies chartered to provide guidance and recommendations to the SAE Aerospace Standards Council, Technical Committees, and other Aerospace industry groups with the objective of shaping a unified strategy for counterfeit avoidance within the Aerospace sector.

The attached matrix summarizes our thoughts and recommendations for revisions to AS5553A. After review of the AS5553A appendices, the CASG incorporated salient requirements from the appendices into its recommendations. Furthermore, the CASG recommends that the remaining material be incorporated into a guidance document, for example, an Aerospace Recommended Practice (ARP) or the IAQG Supply Chain Management Handbook chapter on Counterfeit Parts (<http://www.iaqg.sae.org/scmh>) that is currently in development.

We thank you for your review and consideration of our comments and hope to maintain a consistent and meaningful dialogue with you as the G19CI Committee begins the rewrite of the Standard. We would certainly welcome an opportunity to discuss our recommendations further with you. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: CASG members