

Notice to Suppliers



Risk of Counterfeit Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for Titanium Raw Material

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For the attention of Managing Director, Commercial Director, and Quality Director

Scope/Applicability:

Aerospace Suppliers

Dear Supply Partner,

Rolls-Royce has been made aware of the existence of potential counterfeit certificates of conformity (CoC) for titanium raw material. Based on current information, the suspected counterfeit CoCs appear to have been issued from the China region Titanium network with CoCs in scope back to 1st January 2005.

Rolls-Royce and its supply chain have a duty to ensure the safety and traceability of all our products and, in line with SABRe V4.1 section 6.1 counterfeit / unapproved parts and Civil Aviation Authority continued airworthiness requirements documented in Article 4(3) of Regulation 376/2014, we require you to undertake the steps outlined below.

(i) Past and Current Parts Supplied via Rolls-Royce Purchase Orders

Provide an initial notification (in the form attached to this letter) confirming (either positive or negative) if you or your supply-chain have purchased or used titanium raw material from a mill, melter or stockist / distributor based in China since 1st January 2005. In the event that you provide a positive confirmation please provide to Rolls-Royce in the enclosed Excel document (at the email address provided below) **by close of business on 23rd August 2024** the following information:

- Your name, address, and Rolls-Royce vendor code
- Your immediate customer (if not Rolls-Royce) and the suppliers in your supply chain down to the party identified on the Certificate of Conformity
- Titanium raw material delivery date
- Technical description of the part you provide
- Part number
- Titanium raw material heat number
- Quantity / volume of titanium raw material supplied since 2005
- Unit for quantity
- Supplier name as detailed on Titanium raw material Certificate of Conformity
- Certificate of Conformity number
- Raw Material form and specification
- Pdf format copy of Titanium raw material Certificate of Conformity

Should your own analysis identify any discrepancies or concerns in relation to the validity of the titanium raw material CoC, you should immediately inform Rolls-Royce and launch the Notification of Escape (NOE) process and containment actions per the requirements of SABRe.

(ii) Protecting the Future Supply Chain

In addition to the above, upon receipt of this letter and until further notice from Rolls-Royce, for future deliveries and per your EN/AS 9100 certification duties, Rolls-Royce requires you to:

- Check the origin of any titanium raw material used as part of your deliverables to Rolls-Royce and where such titanium raw material is supplied by a mill or melter based in China check the authenticity of the CoC and the validity of the associated test reports by contacting the relevant titanium raw material mill or melter in China and getting written confirmation as to the validity of such documentation.
- Inform your supply base and require them to apply the same approach as above.
- In case a discrepancy or concern is identified, immediately launch the Notification of Escape (NoE) process and inform Rolls-Royce.

Please also notify Rolls-Royce of any additional mitigation actions you are taking to prevent a recurrence of this issue (e.g: reinforcing material testing (incoming, final tests) based on risk analysis).

Should your company be sourcing titanium parts within your own supply base that are ultimately delivered to Rolls-Royce, you should cascade this request to the relevant suppliers and require them to return the details requested to your company for transmission to Rolls-Royce before 23rd August 2024.

Considering the importance of this investigation, we expect from you:

- An acknowledgement of receipt of this letter as per the attached acknowledgement slip to the following address: QualityCoC@Rolls-Royce.com.
- A transmission of the requested information by the date above to - QualityCoC@Rolls-Royce.com
- Should you have any question, please address it to the following address QualityCoC@Rolls-Royce.com with a copy to your normal Rolls-Royce Supplier Management Team point of contact.

We would like to thank you for prioritizing this inquiry, and for your partnership in ensuring the safety of the aerospace supply chain.

NTS Category:

Quality

Authorised by:

Peter Lord
Aerospace Quality Director

Acknowledgement Slip – NTS (reference [insert]) – Risk of Counterfeit Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for Titanium Raw Material

(To be completed by the appropriate authorised quality representatives or delegate.)

I,, of, (Supplier) confirm the following, either:

- (tick one applicable statement)
- (i) Supplier does not purchase or use titanium raw material in products supplied to Rolls-Royce; or
 - (ii) Supplier purchases or uses titanium raw material in products supplied to Rolls-Royce, but this titanium raw material is not purchased from or supplied by a mill or melter based in China; or
 - (iii) Supplier purchases or uses titanium raw material in products supplied to Rolls-Royce from a mill or melter based in China and I confirm the information requested in this NTS will be provided to Rolls-Royce **by close of play on 23rd August 2024.**

Signed

Date

Position