

**Product Alert** 

September 28, 2012

## Type of Notification: Counterfeit in the country of Turkey

FM Approvals has been made aware of a foam extinguishing system bladder tank that was <u>not</u> made by the FM Approved manufacturer K.C. Antincendi of Bressana Bottarone, Italy. The counterfeit tank in question bore the FM Approved manufacturer's company identity (K. C. Antincendi) as well as the FM Approvals certification mark (see Fig. 1). K.C. Antincendi is a fully owned subsidiary of Minimax Viking GmbH.

A third party installing company in Turkey was suspect of the counterfeit tank citing several poor quality features and contacted K. C. Antincendi. The K. C. Antincendi representative visited the site and confirmed the tank was not their product and that it was a fraudulent representation of their product, company nameplate and the FM Approvals' certification mark.

FM Approvals was notified by K.C. Antincendi of the counterfeit product and that the company that delivered the counterfeit product identified in Fig. 1 to a customer in Cerkezkoy, Turkey in April 2012 trades as follows:

ODES (ORTADOĞU ELEKTRİK ELEKTRONİK ve YANGIN KORUNUM SİS.SAN.TİC.LTD.ŞTİ.) Yukarı Dudullu Mah. Çetin Cad. Nurettin Duman Sok. No:3 Kat:2 / D:5 Kat:3 / D: 7-8 Ümraniye, İSTANBUL TÜRKİYE

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Product Identity:Low Expansion Foam SystemDescription:Bladder Tank Proportioning SystemNameplate Data:See Fig. 1Geographic Area Impacted:Turkey

**Hazard Involved:** The bladder tank identified in this Product Alert was never tested or certified by FM Approvals and has been deemed by K. C. Antincendi as not representative of their FM Approved product. Since there is no evidence these counterfeit products have ever been tested to the rigorous requirements of any testing and certification organization, including FM Approvals, we believe that use of these products may present a serious property loss concern for the user.

The tank was never installed at the FM Global insured site in Cerkeskoy, Turkey and was returned to ODES. It was noted in correspondence from K. C. Antincendi that ODES may still be trying to sell and install the counterfeit tank in the Turkey market.

Contact Details of the	FM Approved Manufacturer:
Company:	K.C. Antincendi s.r.l. (a division of Minimax Viking GmbH)
Address:	Via PAVIA 76
	Bressana Bottarone 27042
	Italy
Contact information:	Dr. Alan Arelli, Managing Director (aarelli@kcantincendi.com)
	Telephone: +39 0383 886511
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FM Approval Status:	K. C. Antincendi maintains FM Approval on their actual product.

If you are in possession of any FM Approved K. C. Antincendi tanks provided by ODES in the Turkey market and wish to confirm the integrity of the product and the FM Approval certification, please bring that to the attention of:

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This photo of the counterfeit tank was taken by the third party installing firm at the location to which the counterfeit tank was shipped. Distinguishing characteristics of the counterfeit product include the incorrect font that appears in the K. C. Antincendi logo.



Fig. 2

Above is the representation of an authentic K. C. Antincendi certification label depicting the actual font used by K. C. Antincendi.