

## **Unauthorized Fusion Splicer sales**

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Recently, Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "Furukawa") has clearly recognized that Chinese unauthorized dealers have violated Furukawa's intellectual property rights by selling unauthorized S177A fusion splicers (hereinafter referred to as "Product") throughout the world without approval from Furukawa. They infringe Furukawa's intellectual property rights by converting Chinese software installed in Products dedicated for Chinese customers only, to English software. Furukawa is the sole owner of the copyrights of the software, such conversion is infringement against our copyrights.

This action is deemed as illegal in most of countries and obviously violates Furukawa's intellectual property rights, in particular copyrights. Furukawa will take the initiative to file for injunction and urge a total ban on sales of the Product in the case where unauthorized dealers infringe Furukawa's intellectual property rights.

In addition, the Products having the trademark labels altered by some illegal dealers have also been sold. Furukawa is the owner of Trademarks such as "FITEL", "Furukawa Electric," etc., and these trademarks show that Furukawa guarantees the quality of the Products.

In the cases mentioned above, Furukawa cannot recognize such Products, with converted software or altered trademarks, as authorized Products, and they should be considered as products that are out of Furukawa's warranty. Please note that they are out of after sales support and warranty, which clearly inflict a loss on the customers in possession of the Products. We strongly believe that Furukawa should not offer its after sales support to the unauthorized Products in light of customer dissatisfaction.

You are strongly recommended to purchase the Products from authorized distributor listed below to prevent you from having unauthorized Products. Additionally, if there are any questions pertaining to Furukawa's trademarks or copyrights, please send inquiries to the point of contact listed below.

Furukawa has been conducting intensive fact-finding survey to insure customer satisfaction. Should any unauthorized Products and/or deals found, Furukawa would seek an injunction and take a legal action for damages.

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