

# NAFLIC

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Standards & Related Documents Sub-Committee

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## 010. Falsified Certificates

The Committee have considered the facts of a disturbing case of falsification of a certificate of thorough examination issued by one of our members - Banwells. This involved the alteration of the date of the examination to extend its currency.

We are aware that the determined "forger" might make a good job of falsification but suspect that those belonging to the major associations are unlikely to behave in such an irresponsible manner. Furthermore these organisations have a degree of control which is likely to mean that an offender would stand a very high risk of being found out. Such an offender is, at least, making an untrue claim about the steps taken to ensure the safety of his equipment. He could additionally be playing an unacceptable game with the lives of the public who pay to ride his equipment.

The Committee did not conjure up any immediate tricks for ensuring that certificates and report formats are proof against forgery. We did, however, consider that it might be helpful to draw your attention to these facts. We are currently looking at the details included in reports and, as well as proposals for technical content, would welcome suggestions which might make falsification more difficult to achieve.