PRESS RELEASE: To Help in the Fight Against Fakes, TIC Council Launches Anti-

Counterfeiting Resource Page

Washington DC, Tuesday 9 August 2022 - TIC Council Americas is pleased to announce the

launch of an anti-counterfeiting resource page to support efforts to combat and reduce the

number of counterfeit products sold to consumers.

The page brings together data, metrics, and recommendations from consumer groups, government

agencies, NGOs, and more to provide a one-stop resource. Once there, interested parties can gain

an understanding of what a counterfeit is, how it affects TIC organizations, business, and

communities, and TIC Council Americas' recommendations for the 'Fight Against Fakes.' Visit the

page <u>here</u>.

"Combating counterfeiting is critical," said TIC Council Americas Executive Director, Karin Athanas,

"As reported by the Customs and Border Patrol, many counterfeit products are low-quality and

can cause injuries. Which is why we need to work together to find solutions and reduce the number

of counterfeit products reaching consumers. We hope this resource page will educate, inspire, and

lead to collaboration among stakeholders and policymakers to act on this critical issue."

The resource page will continue to be updated as new guidance and data arise, and TIC Council

encourages those working on this issue to reach out and connect with our growing network. Join

us - Twitter - LinkedIn - this week to gain insight on the TIC Council's recommendations for

combatting fakes and to join the online conversation.

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Editor's Note About TIC Council:

TIC Council is the global trade federation representing the independent third-party Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) industry which brings together about 100-member companies and organizations from around the world to speak with one voice. Its members provide services across a wide range of sectors: consumer products, medical devices, petroleum, mining and metals, food, and agriculture among others. Through provision of these services, TIC Council members assure that not only regulatory requirements are met, but also that reliability, economic value, and sustainability are enhanced. TIC Council's members are present in more than 160 countries and the wider TIC sector currently employs more than 1 million people across the globe.

The Value of TIC Report:

To learn more about TIC Council and its member's activities, the landmark report on the Value of the TIC sector, developed jointly by the international law firm Steptoe and the London-based consultancy Europe Economics is now available to read. This report illustrates, by using data and case studies, how the TIC sector benefits a variety of stakeholders and industries around the world.

You can find the study here, and we welcome you to share it with anyone who might be interested.