

IHS PCNalert

Unprecedented Increase in End of Life Notices Raises Obsolescence and Compliance Risks for Manufacturers



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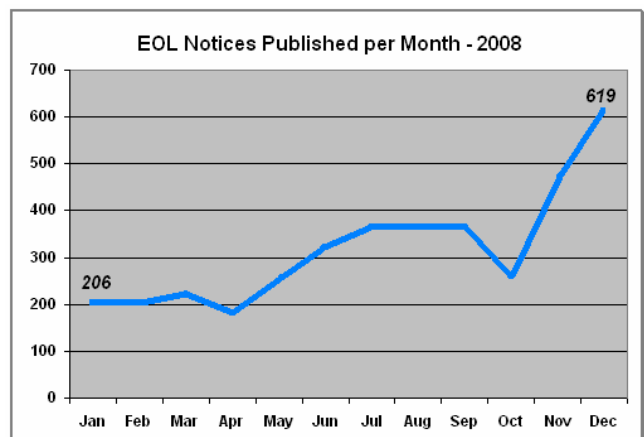
IHS, the leading provider of electronic component technical and sourcing data, recorded a 70% increase in the number of End of Life (EOL) notices published in November 2008 followed by another 33% jump in December.

According to Brian Schirano, IHS Subject Matter Expert for PCNalert products, these numbers are expected to continue to rise in 2009 due to concerns about the shrinking consumer electronics market, the continued move to environmentally friendly products, and component manufacturers simply eliminating marginally profitable parts.

IHS expects the average number of EOLs and Product Change Notices (PCNs) to grow to over 550 per month in 2009. Along with mergers, acquisitions, and distribution channel restructuring, the challenges of monitoring, collecting and analyzing component information from hundreds of suppliers will also rise and increase a manufacturer's risk of missing a notice that will impact their products.

Early Awareness is the Key to Mitigating Obsolescence and Compliance Risks

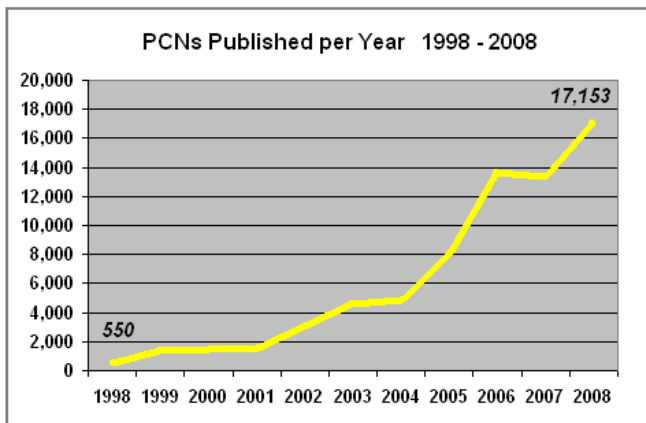
Every manufacturer realizes that using a discontinued or end of life component exposes products to risks that are often costly to remedy. For example, it can cause a last-minute purchase from a non-approved source to maintain production or force a board re-design that can delay a product's introduction.



IHS PCNalert - a Significant First Step in a Strategic Risk Management Program

Manufacturing companies typically miss six or more EOLs each year and every one results in unplanned expenses and delays before they are resolved. Most of these situations can be avoided by being aware of end of life or discontinued parts as soon as they are announced by component manufacturers.

The value of PCNalert is based on exposing risks early and offers a significant ROI when compared to the cost of shutting down a production line for just one day, re-designing a PC board, spending additional dollars on last time buys of components, or risking product failure due to purchasing 3rd party counterfeit parts.



PCNalert Delivers Tailored Information Daily

PCNalert provides the ideal early warning system by actively monitoring and delivering relevant information for the components that a manufacturer uses. Updates from more than 600 component manufacturers are continuously collected, analyzed by IHS engineering staff, and matched to the subscriber's parts list. Daily updates provide a brief summary of the notice and action date so that users can easily review notices and effectively start their analysis and resolution process.

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