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The former DJ who sold fake airplane parts to airlines around the world

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Jose Alejandro Zamora Yrala falsified documents with the help of a graphic designer. The scam continued for five years.

Jose Alejandro Zamora Yrala, a Venezuelan with a background as a DJ, has been running AOG Technics Ltd., a company that sells aircraft spare parts, since 2018. But business isn't taking off. He's received 140 airworthiness certificates to certify the components he sells. In the following months, dozens of the company's employees appear on LinkedIn. The company website advertises itself as a "leading global supplier," with US FAA approvals and warehouses in the UK, Germany, the US, and Asia. And from modest profits in 2019 (€25,140), profits rise to €2.5 million in the twelve months ending in February 2020 and €2.7 million in February 2023. But in December 2023, the police arrive at his home.

The arrest

The former DJ is arrested. Meanwhile, his computer and phone are seized. British investigators discover that his employees don't exist. The photos are downloaded from stock photos. The company employs him, his wife at the time, his brother-in-law, and his nanny. Meanwhile, the documents certifying the safety of the spare parts are all falsified. First, they use existing PDFs. Then, new ones are created using a graphic designer. The investigation dates back to the spring of 2023. Technicians from TAP Air Portugal install a supposedly new component on an A320, but it shows signs of wear. Suspicious, they refuse the replacement proposed by AOG and alert Safran, which produces CFMs



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The experts

According to Addison Schonland, an expert at AirInsight, many maintenance organizations "should have conducted more rigorous supplier screening, consulting databases and verifying authorizations" before favoring cheaper offers. "Protocols include cross-checks and audits," which, in this case, were circumvented or neglected.

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