Confusion over CE marking of equipment

The CE mark is an indicator of product safety because goods and equipment with the correct mark demonstrate they meet EU safety standards. The CE mark applies to a wide range of products and equipment.

We have become aware that there may be an incorrect mark that looks very similar to the correct CE mark.

The correct CE mark should be at least 5mm tall (unless this is not possible for very small products) and maintain the proportions shown in the example above whatever the size. It will be attached to the product visibly, legibly and indelibly in the immediate vicinity of the name of the manufacturer or supplier.

In trying to identify whether your goods are correctly CE marked you should carefully check either the product specification plate/operating manual or ask your supplier for Declaration of Conformity. If the genuine logo cannot be found or your supplier can't provide you with a CE certificate then your equipment may not be compliant and you should return it to your supplier for a refund. Purchasing from approved, reputable suppliers will greatly reduce the risk of being supplied with potentially substandard equipment. For more information on purchasing safe equipment go to Buying Work Equipment: Health and Safety Considerations and the HSE’s site on Manufacture and supply of new work equipment.