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FAQ

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A: A counterfeit Nintendo product is an illegal copy of an authentic Nintendo product. These counterfeit products often originate from Taiwan, Hong Kong or China. The production, distribution, or sale of counterfeit Nintendo products is illegal. Nintendo has brought thousands of legal actions worldwide to stop counterfeiters. In addition, thousands of criminal actions have been brought against those found to be distributing, reproducing, or selling unauthorized, illegal copies of Nintendo video game products throughout the world, including criminal actions against online distributors.

Q: Are Mod Chips and Game Copiers illegal?

A: Yes, mod chips have been adjudicated to be illegal in various countries around the world, including the United States, United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Game copiers have also been adjudicated to be illegal in the United States, Germany, Japan, Korea and various other countries based on the functions of these devices which violate copyright, trademark and/or
anti-circumvention laws. Countries around the globe are also adopting or have adopted similar laws aimed at illegal circumvention of security measures. People caught selling or installing them may be subject to criminal prosecution and may also be liable for civil damages resulting from such activities.

Q: How can I tell that a game is genuine?
A: There are many tips to determine whether a Nintendo product is counterfeit or genuine. We have provided a list of tips under the “How to Detect” section of Nintendo’s anti-piracy Web site: http://ap.nintendo.com.

Q: How do I report potential infringements of Nintendo products?
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