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To: All NSI approved companies and all Applicants for NSI approval

Dear Colleague

SECURITY SCREENING – AMENDMENT A2:2009 TO BS 7858:2006

I am writing to inform you that on 30 April 2009 British Standards Institution (BSI) published a second amendment (A2:2009) to BS 7858:2006 “Security screening of individuals employed in a security environment – Code of practice”.

However, please note that the amendment does not make any change to the actual security screening process (compared to BS 7858:2006 as first amended in April 2007) and does not make any substantive change to the main text.

A series of Notes have been added to the standard and the bibliography has been extended. These changes usefully draw attention to various documents and pieces of legislation relevant to the security screening of individuals and to employment practices in the UK.

Details of the amendment are given in the **ANNEX** attached to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Att: Annex





ANNEX TO NSI LETTER REF: NSI 005/09 DATED 14 MAY 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (A2:2009) to BS 7858:2006

British Standards Institution (BSI) published an amendment to BS 7858:2006 on 30 April 2009. The BSI reference for the amendment is A2:2009.

The effects of the amendment are to cause:

- a) The following Note to be added at the end of the Scope Clause of BS 7858:2006:
Note 2 See Home Affairs Committee First Report: The Private Security Industry Volume 1 [15].
- b) The following Note to be added at the end of sub-clause 3.2 of BS 7858:2006:
Note Attention is drawn to sections 15 to 26 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 [14].
- c) The following Note to be added at the end of the penultimate paragraph of sub-clause 4.1 of BS 7858:2006:
Note 3 Attention is drawn to the Data Protection Act 1998 [4] and the Information Commissioner's Employment Practice Code [16], and the need to comply with any obligations in the Code.
- d) The following Notes to be added immediately after Note 1 in 4.5 of BS 7858: 2006:
Note 2 Attention is drawn to the need to comply with any obligations set out in the Code of Practice and Explanatory Guide published by the Criminal Records Bureau [17].
Note 3 Basic disclosure may be obtained from Disclosure Scotland. Attention is drawn to the Disclosure Scotland Code of Practice and Explanatory Guide [18].
- e) Note 2 at the end of 4.5 of BS 7858:2006 to be re-numbered as Note 4.
- f) The following text to be deleted from 9.1 b) ii) of BS 7858: 2006:
[see 4.7h)]
- g) Item [9] of the Bibliography to be re-worded as follows:
[9] The Asylum and Immigration Act 1996. London: The Stationery Office.
- h) The following items to be added to the Bibliography:
[13] Human Rights Act 1998. London: The Stationery Office.
[14] The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006. London: The Stationery Office.
[15] HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: First Report: The Private Security Industry, Volume 1. London, The Stationery Office: 1995
[16] INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE: The Employment Practices Code. Wilmslow: June 2005.
[17] CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU: Code of Practice and Explanatory Guide for registered Persons and other recipients of Disclosure Information. Available at http://www.crb.gov.uk/PDF/code_of_practice.pdf
[18] DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND: Code of Practice for registered persons, their nominees and other recipients of Disclosure Information and Explanatory Guide on the Code of Practice. Available at <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/ApplicationLevelCode.htm>