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**To: All NSI NACOSS Gold approved companies, NSI Systems Silver approved companies, NACOSS Gold applicants and Systems Silver applicants**

Dear Colleague

**BS 8418:2015 DETECTOR-ACTIVATED CCTV SYSTEMS AND POLICE UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBERS FOR LEGACY CCTV SYSTEMS**

British Standards Institution (BSI) has published BS 8418:2015 “*Installation and remote monitoring of detector-activated CCTV systems – Code of practice*”.

The BSI Technical Committee recognizes that suppliers of products and services within the scope of BS 8418 might require time to comply with the 2015 edition of the standard. For this reason the provisions of BS 8418:2010 remain effective until 31 July 2015 and contracts for BS 8418 systems entered into from 1 August 2015 must comply with the 2015 edition.

We are working on documentation for BS 8418:2015, including a checklist, marking table and a technical bulletin, and these will be uploaded to the approved company area of the NSI website as soon as possible.

If you hold the alternative scope of NSI approval including detector-activated CCTV systems there is no requirement to re-apply for the approval. Nor is there a requirement to upgrade any existing BS 8418 systems to the 2015 edition.

If you do not hold the alternative scope of NSI approval and you wish to install a BS 8418 detector-activated CCTV system you can go ahead with the installation and you must issue a NSI Certificate of Compliance. However you must apply to us for approval and as part of the application we will audit the system you have installed and you will have to correct any deviations from the standard which we may find (see NSI Circular Letter Ref: AWEW/mjc/NSI 005/11 dated 16 August 2011 for further details). We may decline to award the approval until you have demonstrated you can install to a satisfactory standard (NSI Grade C minimum). For further information about applying please contact your NSI Operations Co-ordinator or Angela Gibson on [angela.gibson@nsi.org.uk](mailto:angela.gibson@nsi.org.uk).



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Whilst writing we wish to inform you that the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the respective police forces, are willing to issue Unique Reference Numbers (URNs) to legacy CCTV systems not complying with BS 8418 up until 31 July 2015. This is subject to the CCTV system complying with NSI Code of Practice NCP 104, the CCTV system being monitored at a Remote Video Response Centre (RVRC) holding NSI ARC Gold approval, agreement from the customer/owner of the system, submission of a copy of the NSI Certificate of Compliance to the police, and payment of the URN fee. In case of any queries, please contact David Mair at the Metropolitan Police Service on [david.j.mair@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.j.mair@met.pnn.police.uk).

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Weeks".

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