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**To: All NSI ARC Gold approved companies, CerticCS approved ARCs, and applicants for NSI ARC Gold and/or CerticCS ARC approval**

Dear Colleague

#### **ARC APPROVAL TO IRISH STANDARD I.S. 228**

This letter relates to the position in Ireland regarding Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) approvals to Irish Standard I.S. 228 and the new European Standard EN 50518 series, which is in three Parts.

According to information received recently from the Private Security Authority (PSA), the EN 50518 series will be applied from 1 January 2014. Any ARC approved to I.S. 228 before that date will not need to update to EN 50518 retrospectively. However any new ARC approval after 1 January 2014 will need to be against the EN 50518 series.

If you are considering ARC approval for monitoring intruder alarm systems in Ireland, you will need to apply for and gain CerticCS ARC approval before 1 January 2014 if you wish to be approved to I.S. 228, which includes related standards such as National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Standard Recommendation SR 41 and SR 25.

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The 1 January 2014 deadline does not apply to new NSI ARC Gold approvals to BS 5979 and we will issue further information regarding the adoption of the EN 50518 series in the United Kingdom in due course.

Yours sincerely

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