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- To:
1. All NSI Guarding Gold and Silver approved companies holding approval for the provision of investigative services
 2. Applicant Companies who wish to gain approval for the above scope of approval

TECHNICAL BULLETIN No: 0045

Guidance on the implementation of BS 102000:2018 British Standard Code of Practice for the Provision of Investigative Services (Supersedes BS 102000:2013)

BS 102000:2018 has a publication date of 31 August 2018 and is available through licensed outlets including NSI who can supply copies at a discounted rate.

BS 102000:2018 gives recommendations for the conduct, management, staffing and operational accountability for the provision of investigative services.

Organisations that demonstrate compliance with BS 102000:2018, and also satisfy the relevant NSI criteria for approval, will be approved for the following scope:

"The provision of investigative services in accordance with the requirements of BS 102000:2018".

The 2018 edition of BS 102000 will now be applied to all NSI approval schemes where the criteria for approval requires compliance with BS 102000 as a condition of NSI approval. The Standard will be applied with immediate effect, subject to the additional clarifications and guidance contained within this Technical Bulletin.

Implementation timescale for Applicant Companies

Applicant Companies will be audited against BS 102000:2018 with immediate effect and any Improvement Needs recorded against clauses of the Standard will have to be satisfactorily addressed before approval can be granted.

Implementation timescale for existing Approved Companies

Companies holding NSI approval to BS 102000:2013 will be audited to BS 102000:2018 at the next scheduled visit.

STATUS OF BS 102000:2018

Although issued as British Standard Code of Practice, compliance with the recommendations given in BS 102000:2018 are mandatory for companies wishing to maintain NSI approval with respect to the provision of investigative services; subject to any additional clarifications and guidance included within this Technical Bulletin or issued subsequently.

The recommendations given in BS 102000:2018 must therefore be regarded as requirements in relation to NSI approval for the provision of door supervision services.

SUMMARY OF MAIN CHANGES

The Foreword clarifies that the 2018 edition is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes:

- **An enhanced definition of “investigation”;**
- **The introduction of a definition of “person of interest”;**
- **Updated references; and**
- **Reconsideration of the vetting processes.**

In relation to vetting processes, it is no longer mandatory to security screen in accordance with BS 7858. However it is still necessary to select investigators on the basis of satisfactory checks given in sub-clause 5.1.1, which are:

- a) A public financial information check to determine whether an applicant or applicant’s business(es) is clear of any monetary judgment or insolvency.**
- b) The production of a Criminal Conviction Certificate (Basic Disclosure) that is no older than three years in accordance with the Disclosure and Barring Service.**
- c) Provision of two professional referees from whom references can be obtained.**
- d) Interview by an individual or panel of, or on behalf of, the investigative service provider and assessment of suitability.**
- e) Production of proof of identity and residence at the interview.**
- f) Production of qualifications appropriate to the individual's role.**

Also, there is a new Annex:

Annex B (informative) – The inference cycle as applied to an investigation

DETAILS OF THE CHANGES

(Highlighted under the clauses of the new Standard)

Comments against each clause of BS 102000:2018 detail the changes when compared with the corresponding clause within BS 102000:2013.

Quotations from the standard are reproduced in bold text.

Additional guidance is given in italics.

We will consider alternative methods of achieving compliance with specified requirements where these can be demonstrated to be equivalent.

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The contents page of BS 102000:2018 shows that the six main clauses of the 2013 standard have been retained along with a new **Introduction** containing information about the **inference cycle**.

Annexes A, B and C are retained (as Annexes A, C and D) along with a new **Annex B**.

Annex A (informative) – Legislative/statutory framework for investigative services

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Annex D (informative) – Example code of conduct

FOREWORD

BS 102000:2018 was prepared by BSI Technical Committee GW/3, Private security management and services.

The Foreword clarifies that the 2018 edition **supersedes BS 102000:2013, which is withdrawn**.

The Foreword draws attention to the Private Security Industry Act, which contains provisions for regulating private investigations that are yet to be introduced.

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INTRODUCTION

This new clause of the standard describes **the inference cycle**, which is a series of stages in an investigation process as follows:

- a) Suspicion**
- b) Hypothesis**
- c) Identification and collection of possible evidence**

- d) **Verification or corroboration**
- e) **Acceptance or modification of hypothesis**
- f) **Suspicion sustained, modified or rejected**

For a practical illustration of how the inference cycle applies in an investigation, see Annex B.

1 SCOPE

The first paragraph of the scope clause is unchanged.

There is a new second paragraph as follows:

This British Standard is specifically designed to provide a broad set of procedures to assist the investigative provider in adhering to industry best practice; it also draws attention to the case management procedures, data handling regulations and the employment practices applicable to the investigation. This standard also recommends how the organization can demonstrate it has the financial and operational resources available to provide the services offered, and is competent and provides recourse in the event of a complaint.

A second NOTE has been added:

NOTE 2 A non-exhaustive list of investigative services activities is given in Annex C.

2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

The reference to BS 7858, Security screening of individuals employed in a security environment – Code of practice has been deleted.

There are no normative references in this document.

3 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The previous set of nine definitions has been increased to ten. Therefore the reference numbers for some existing definitions have changed.

3.1 New definition for **client**
legal person requesting the investigative service

3.2 **independent adjudication**
No change.

3.3 **investigative services**
No significant change.

3.4 investigative service provider

No change.

3.5 investigative service provider owner

No change.

3.6 investigator

No change.

3.7 legal person

No change.

3.8 New definition for person of interest

any person who is to be interviewed in connection with an investigation and by virtue of the objective of the interview would be entitled to the rights and protection of a legal advisor, friend, appropriate adult or other representative

3.9 subcontractor (previously 3.8)

No change.

3.10 surveillance (previously 3.9)

No change.

4 INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER

4.1 Structure

There are some minimal changes.

In the second paragraph, the word "liquidations" has been changed to **liquidations in the previous five years**.

Note 1 has been reworded as follows:

NOTE 1 Attention is drawn to the relevant legislation for the rehabilitation of offenders, whose provisions govern such disclosure.

4.2 Finances

There are no significant changes.

4.3 Insurance

No changes.

4.4 Legal compliance

The text has been simplified as follows:

The proposal forming part of the contract should demonstrate that the investigative service provider is aware of and compliant with the restrictions on activities imposed by relevant legislation.

NOTE See Annex A for examples of relevant legislation.

4.5 Code of conduct

There are no significant changes.

4.6 Subcontractors

The text has been changed as follows:

Subcontractors should be **given written instructions on the duties to be performed** and be required to comply with the investigative service provider's code of conduct.

5 RESOURCING

5.1 Staffing: selection and screening

5.1.1 Staff

The first sentence of the first paragraph has been deleted so it is no longer required to select and screen all staff in accordance with BS 7858.

Similarly it is no longer required to security screen in accordance with BS 7858 if employees are acquired through a takeover.

However it is still a requirement, subject to the minor changes indicated in bold typeface, to select investigators based on the following:

- a) A **public financial information** check to determine whether an applicant or applicant's business(es) is clear of any monetary judgment or insolvency.
- b) The production of a Criminal Conviction Certificate (Basic Disclosure) that is no older than three years **in accordance with the Disclosure and Barring Service**.¹
- c) Provision of two professional referees from whom references can be obtained.
- d) Interview by an individual or panel of, or on behalf of, the investigative service provider and assessment of suitability.

- e) Production of proof of identity and residence at the interview.
- f) Production of qualifications **appropriate to the individual's role**.

Also the following footnote has been added:

¹ See <www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service> [last viewed 31 July 2018].

5.1.2 Subcontractors

The first sentence of the first paragraph has been amended as follows:

Subcontractors should be selected and screened in accordance with 5.1.1, items a) to f).

It is no longer required to security screen subcontractors in accordance with BS 7858.

There are no other changes.

5.1.3 Changes to circumstances

No changes.

5.2 Health

No changes.

5.3 Licensing status

The first paragraph has been amended as follows:

A record of the current status of relevant licences should be maintained and regularly reviewed, **at least on an annual basis**. Regular checks should be carried out to confirm that staff requiring licences comply with the terms and conditions of their licence at all times.

The first and third paragraphs of the 2013 edition have been merged as shown above.

5.4 Training

5.4.1 Policy

No changes.

5.4.2 Induction

No changes.

5.4.3 Competence

There are no changes apart from item d) being amended to remove the word “(techniques)” so as to read simply:

d) Surveillance.

5.4.4 Continuous professional development

The first paragraph has been amended as follows:

The investigative service provider should monitor the effectiveness of all investigators **and provide refresher or remedial training as soon as practicable.**

This recognizes that refresher or remedial training is always likely to be necessary from time to time.

There are no other changes.

5.4.5 Training records

No changes.

5.5 Identification

No changes.

5.6 Premises

There are no changes apart from the addition of a new Note as follows:

NOTE Further information on the management of electronic data can be found in BS EN ISO/IEC 27001.

5.7 Equipment

There are no changes apart from the re-wording of the Note as follows:

NOTE Attention is drawn to the need for equipment to also meet legislative and regulatory requirements.

6 CLIENT INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Scope of investigative services

The text of 6.1 has been amended as follows:

Written instructions should be obtained from the client, specifying the parameters and extent of the investigation, with clearly identified objectives. Where the client provides instructions

verbally **during the course of the investigation**, the investigative service provider should document these for future reference **to be confirmed in writing between the client and the investigator as soon as is reasonably practicable**.

The words "When possible," have been deleted from the beginning of the paragraph making the requirements much firmer.

6.2 Due diligence

6.2.1 Conflict of interest

There are no changes apart from deletion of the Note that appears in the 2013 edition.

6.2.2 Identity of client

The text of 6.2.2 has been amended as follows:

The investigative service provider should ensure that they know the identity of the prospective client, **or be satisfied as to the bona fides of an intermediary** and that they *[the prospective client]* have an ethical and legitimate reason for requesting the investigation.

6.2.3 Management of information

The wording of Note 2 has been amended as follows:

NOTE 2 Attention is drawn to the provisions of data protection legislation, and civil and criminal procedure disclosure provisions.

The fourth paragraph has been amended as follows:

Information stored in an electronic retrieval system should be regularly backed-up and stored separately.

NOTE 3 Further information on the management of electronic data can be found in BS EN ISO/IEC 27001.

There is nothing significant in the above changes.

Note 4 in the 2013 edition has been raised to a full recommendation as follows:

Information relating to a contract should be maintained for at least six years after termination.

6.3 Conducting the investigation

6.3.1 Planning

There are no changes.

6.3.2 Information gathering

There are no significant changes apart from:

- c) 1) iii) Delete "suspects", now reads **confirming identities**;
- c) 1) xi) Delete "suspicion", now reads "taking prompt action to calm any grievance where indications of **responsibility or involvement** are proved to be unfounded;"
- c) 2) Delete "suspects", now reads "accurately recording and interpreting relevant facts, and establishing, where possible, **their level of involvement**; and"
- c) 3) Delete "legible" and "suspects", now reads "producing accurate and **evidentially compliant** statements, including corrections, alterations and additions which have been agreed and endorsed by **interviewees**."
- f) 3) Add "Northern Ireland", now reads "understanding the differences between English, Welsh, Scottish **and Northern Ireland** law where necessary;"

6.3.3 Analysis and review

There are no changes.

6.3.4 Completion of investigation

There are no changes apart from a slight amendment of the NOTE, which now reads:

NOTE Attention is drawn to the provisions of data protection legislation.

Attention is drawn to the Data Protection Act 2018

ANNEXES

Annexes A, B and C are retained (as Annexes A, C and D) along with a new **Annex B**.

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Further details are given below.

ANNEX A (INFORMATIVE) LEGISLATIVE/STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Annex A has been re-written to indicate (1) legislation considered essential for the provision of investigative services and (2) legislation considered desirable in terms of investigative service, subject to the nature and scope of the services provided. Also brief explanatory text about the legislation has been deleted.

Consequently the text of Annex A now reads:

Knowledge of the following legislation is considered essential in terms of the provision of investigative services.

- a) **The Data Protection Act 2018 [3] and provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations [4].**
- b) **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 [5] or the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 [6].**
- c) **The Human Rights Act 1998 [7].**
- d) **The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 [8].**
- e) **The Computer Misuse Act 1990 [9].**
- f) **The Private Security Industry Act 2001 [1].**
- g) **The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 [10] and the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, as amended [11].**
- h) **The Civil Procedure Rules 1998 [12], Part 31 (Disclosure).**

Knowledge of the following legislation is considered desirable in terms of investigative service, subject to the nature and scope of the services provided.

- 1) **The Consumer Credit Act 1974, as amended [13].**
- 2) **The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) [14] and the PACE codes of practice [15]; and the Criminal Procedure Rules 2015 [16].**
- 3) **The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 [17].**
- 4) **The Freedom of Information Act 2000 [18] and the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 [19].**
- 5) **The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 [20].**
- 6) **The Money Laundering Regulations 2007 [21].**
- 7) **The Bribery Act 2010 [22].**
- 8) **The Fraud Act 2006 [23].**
- 9) **The Theft Act 1968 [24].**
- 10) **The Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 [25].**
- 11) **The Equality Act 2010 [26].**

ANNEX B (INFORMATIVE) THE INFERENCE CYCLE AS APPLIED TO AN INVESTIGATION

This is a new Annex with information as to how the inference cycle applies in an investigation. Table B.1 provides a practical example of how the inference cycle applies:

Table B.1 — The inference cycle as applied to an investigation

State of enquiry	Definition	Examples
Suspicion	Result of initial call for service	1) A caller reports an assault. 2) A road traffic collision has occurred. 3) An employee has disclosed bad practice.
Hypothesis	The initial impressions at the incident scene; or the result of client's input; or the result of initial witness input	1) The caller names the attacker. 2) Road conditions suggest bad driving. 3) A systems check is requested.
Identification of possible evidence	Documentary evidence Physical evidence Detailed witness evidence (as dictated by circumstances of the case)	1) Forensic, CCTV, witnesses identified. 2) Measurements, dash-cam footage, witnesses identified, street plans are created. 3) Protocols are checked, witnesses are interviewed.
Collection of evidence	Taking of statements Gathering and submission of forensic evidence Collection of exhibits Witness interviews Documentary collection	1) Witnesses interviewed, wounds photographed, alleged assailant interviewed. 2) Witnesses interviewed, dash-cam footage reviewed, drivers interviewed. 3) Witnesses interviewed, system adherence checked.
Verification	Corroboration Forensic results	Evidence checked against other evidence to see if it supports or contradicts. Actions taken as arising.
Acceptance or modification of hypothesis	Result of analysis of the collected evidence – what does it indicate?	1) Assailant is/isn't guilty. 2) Driver is/isn't liable. 3) System is/isn't being complied with.
Suspicion	Sustained: prosecute/claim/report Modified: return to identification or collection stage Rejected: return to suspicion stage	1) Prosecution or not. 2) Liable or not. 3) System is valid, modified or replaced.

ANNEX C (INFORMATIVE) ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

This Annex was Annex B in the 2013 edition of the standard.

There are no significant changes apart from:

Item j) Due diligence:

Add item 5) as follows:

- 5) public interest disclosure (whistleblowing).**

Item o) Employment investigations:

Add items 1) to 6) as follows:

- 1) health and safety;**
- 2) disciplinary;**
- 3) grievance including harassment, discrimination and victimization;**
- 4) sickness/absence;**
- 5) performance management; and**
- 6) compliance.**

Item p) Other investigations:

Add new section "Other investigations" with items 1) and 2) as follows:

- 1) asset tracing; and**
- 2) competitor intelligence.**

ANNEX D (INFORMATIVE) EXAMPLE CODE OF CONDUCT

This Annex was Annex C in the 2013 edition of the standard.

There are no changes to the content.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

References in the Bibliography have been updated as required, including some additions and deletions. The listing of changes below does not cover updates to the same document (for example change of date of publication).

Standards publications

Added:

BS 7858, Security screening of individuals employed in a security environment — Code of practice

Deleted:

PD 5454, Guide for the storage and exhibition of archival materials.

Other publications

Added:

[2] **CORNWALL, H.** *The industrial espionage handbook*. London: Century Books, 1991.

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[15] **GREAT BRITAIN.** *PACE codes of practice*. London: The Stationery Office. [Available at: www.gov.uk/guidance/police-and-criminal-evidence-act-1984-pace-codes-of-practice#pace-codes-of-practice].

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Not included from 2013 edition:

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(<http://www.actcredit.com/OFT-Debt-Collection-Guidance.pdf>).

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[17] **GREAT BRITAIN.** *The Crime and Disorder Act 1998*. London: TSO.

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[28] **MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.** *The Civil Procedure Rules, Part 31: Disclosure and inspection of documents*. London: Ministry of Justice.
(<http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil/rules/part31>).