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To: All NSI approved companies and applicants

Dear Colleague,

WORKING SAFELY DURING COVID-19 – REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES

In addition to the Government guidance, the BSI have recently published the guidance document 'PD ISO/PAS 45005:2020, Occupational health and safety management — General guidelines for safe working during the COVID-19 pandemic'. This document is freely available to download from the BSI website:

https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/topics/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-guidelines/

The guidance brings together international good practice during the COVID-19 pandemic and is intended to complement national guidelines and regulations.

You can continue to find the Government guidance here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19

NSI audit requirements

NSI audits will continue to be planned as normal throughout the lockdown period. As a reminder, your auditor will request to see a copy of your **COVID-19 risk assessment** and the poster for your site as evidence appropriate measures have been taken.

Other premises visited as part of the audit, including customer sites, should also be COVID-19 secure in accordance with these guidelines.

Where an auditor feels there is a risk to themselves or others, the auditor has the right to abort the audit and refuse to enter the premises. Audits aborted where appropriate measures have not been taken will not be eligible for a refund.

Yours sincerely,

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