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

Dear Colleague,

BSI REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT ALARM CONFIRMATION STANDARD

BS 8243 - Installation and configuration of intruder and hold-up alarm systems designed to generate confirmed alarm conditions – Code of practice

Your opportunity to comment!

BSI are inviting comment on the draft of BS 8243 (briefly described below) for the committee to review and resolve. The public comment period ends on the 20th of March 2021.

Comment may be submitted via the BSI standards development web portal:

<https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/projects/2020-00281>

Please note: Online registration with the BSI standards development portal is required before access to the draft is granted.

Brief description of changes

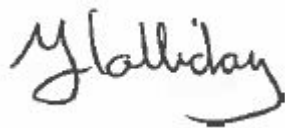
Although BS 8243 is a mature standard, it was seen by the BSI GW/1/2 committee as being over-prescriptive, containing some requirements that would be better placed in a standard for monitoring centres and requiring a more equal focus on the now more popular visual confirmation technologies.

The draft standard includes a number of changes:

- The choice of confirmation type as defined in the standard is now entirely optional.
- Some prescriptive methods on how to achieve visual and audio confirmation are removed and are replaced with requirements of what should be achieved.

- The requirement to inform the response authority when using two movement detectors within a single housing is removed.
- Telephone call back as a method of HUA confirmation is only permitted for domestic installations.
- Confirmation procedures accommodate different process for sequential confirmation or where confirmation is decided at an ARC.
- Removal of ARC monitoring requirements which should be included in the new BS 9518 monitoring centre standard.
- Addition of requirements for setting and unsetting an intruder alarm system via a remote device

Yours sincerely,



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