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Publication of NSI NCP 109 Issue 3 - Code of Practice for Design, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Access Control Systems

NCP 109 "Code of Practice for Design, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Access Control Systems" is now published at Issue 3.

The content and structure differences between NCP 109 Issue 2 and Issue 3 are extensive. Consequently, in a departure from the usual format of NSI Technical Bulletins, this Technical Bulletin describes the differences between the two versions rather than include the actual new or amended text. This Technical Bulletin must therefore be read in conjunction with NCP 109 Issue 3.

A colour scheme is assigned to denote the descriptions of new and amended sections.

Please note that Parts 1 & 2 of Issue 2 are now combined in Issue 3.

Text colour schemes within this document

Descriptions of new or amended sections of NCP 109 are given in italics and the following colour scheme is used to denote which are new and which are amended.

Where descriptions denote new sections, these are represented by Green italics.

Where descriptions denote amended sections, these are represented by Blue italics.

Please also note that this Technical Bulletin is not a definitive list of all the changes introduced in Issue 3 of NCP 109; only significant changes are listed.

Implementation timescale for applicant companies

New applicant companies to NSI NACOSS Gold and Systems Silver schemes will be audited against NCP 109 Issue 3 with immediate effect and any Improvement Needs recorded against clauses of the Standard will have to be satisfactorily addressed before approval can be granted.

Where an application for approval was already in progress with the NSI before the date of this Technical Bulletin, then the approval will continue to progress against the appropriate standards.

Implementation timescale for existing approved companies

NSI approved companies will need to be compliant with NCP 109 Issue 3 by the 31st May 2022.

Introduction

This section is a new addition and replaces the Foreword section.

1 Scope

Section 1 now covers commissioning and maintenance. There is also added clarity for out of scope systems.

2 References

Section 2 is a new addition.

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

Section 3 was Section 2 and is amended to include abbreviations.

3.1.3 Access level

Section 3.1.3 was Section 2.3 and is amended to improve clarity.

3.1.4 Access point

Section 3.1.4 was Section 2.4 and is amended to improve clarity.

3.1.6 Adversary

Section 3.1.6 is a new addition.

3.1.7 As-fitted document

Section 3.1.7 is a new addition.

3.1.10 Commissioning

Section 3.1.10 is a new addition.

3.1.14 Corrective maintenance

Section 3.1.14 is a new addition.

3.1.16 Degraded mode

Section 3.1.16 is a new addition.

3.1.22 Global anti-passback

Section 3.1.22 is a new addition.

3.1.23 Hard anti-passback

Section 3.1.23 is a new addition.

3.1.25 Maintenance company

Section 3.1.25 is a new addition.

3.1.26 Normal mode

Section 3.1.26 is a new addition.

3.1.27 Open time

Section 3.1.27 is a new addition.

3.1.28 Operational needs

Section 3.1.28 is a new addition.

3.1.33 Release time

Section 3.1.33 is a new addition.

3.1.35 Soft anti-passback

Section 3.1.35 is a new addition.

3.1.36 Structured cabling

Section 3.1.36 is a new addition.

3.1.37 System Design Proposal

Section 3.1.37 is a new addition.

3.2 Abbreviations

Section 3.2 is a new addition.

4.1 General

Section 4.1 was Section 3.1 and is simplified to improve clarity.

4.2 Risk assessment

Section 4.2 is a new requirement to ensure security and operational needs are considered during the design stage.

4.3 Access point classification

Section 4.3 was Section 3 and is amended.

The access point classification is determined during the risk assessment and is based on the security risks and/or operational requirements.

The specified access control reader(s) must meet as a minimum the requirements of Table 2 appropriate to the selected class of the access point.

5.1 Survey

Section 5.1 was Section 4.1.

Section 5.1 is amended to introduce minimum classification requirements for all interdependent system components and introduce requirement to meet recommendations of BS 7273-4.

Additional aspects for consideration relating to networks and IT infrastructure access are included.

5.3 Functionality

Section 5.3 is a new addition. Each access point will need to as a minimum to provide the functions outlined in sub clauses 5.3.1 to 5.3.7 appropriate to the defined class of the access point.

6.1 Control

Section 6.1 was Section 4.3 and is simplified to improve clarity.

6.2 Access point hardware

Section 6.2 was Section 4.2.3 and is amended to include access point classification and risk assessment details.

6.4 Power supplies

Section 6.4 was Section 4.2.4 and is amended to provide access point classification.

7 Installation

Section 7 is a new addition following restructuring of the document. It provides requirements for each phase; Design, Installation, Commissioning, and Maintenance.

7.1 Cables

Section 7.1 was Section 4.2.5 and is amended to provide specific requirements for each defined cable type.

7.2 Network security

Section 7.2 is a new addition.

8.1 Commissioning

Section 8.1 was Section 5.1 and is amended so that commissioning checks align with classification dependant requirements and cyber security.

8.2 Handover

Section 8.2 was Section 5.2 and is amended so that handover process requirements align with classification dependant requirements and cyber security.

8.3 Documentation

Section 8.3 was Section 5.3 and is amended to state that documentation should include a risk assessment and define the duration of support for any standby power supply.

9 Maintenance

Section 9 was Section 3 of Part 2 of NCP 109 Issue 2.

9.1.2 Test equipment

Section 9.1.2 is a new addition.

9.2.2 Inspection

Section 9.2.2 was Section 3.2.2 and is amended so that inspection checks now include checks relating to cyber security.

9.4.1 General

Section 9.4.1 was Section 4.1 and is simplified to improve clarity.

9.4.2 As-fitted document

Section 9.4.2 was Section 4.2 and is amended to include a requirement to ensure maintenance staff have access to details of the fitted system to aid maintenance activities.

9.4.3 Preventive maintenance record

Section 9.4.3 was Section 4.4 and is amended to provide clarity relating to documenting any part of the system not tested.

9.4.4 Corrective maintenance record

Section 9.4.4 was Section 4.5 and is amended provides clarity relating to documentation for any corrective maintenance work not completed.