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To: All NACOSS Gold, Systems Silver and ARC Gold approved companies and applicants

Dear Colleague,

CYBER ESSENTIALS CERTIFICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED - IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE 'NATIONAL POLICE CHIEFS' COUNCIL (NPCC) POLICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY SYSTEMS'

The NPCC released their 2021 updated requirements for security systems last year, further details of which can be found in NSI Circular Letter NSI 020 21 published in June 2021.

One of the key changes related to the application of a holistic view to cyber security, including a mandatory requirement for security system installers and maintainers to hold certification to Cyber Essentials by 1st April 2022.

Whilst the NPCC and the Police Digital Security Centre (PDSC) agree that cyber security is extremely important and needs to be addressed within the police policy, they recognise and appreciate that many installers have suffered financially because of the COVID-19 pandemic and may find it difficult to get certified by April 2022. Therefore, they have agreed to defer the requirement for Cyber Essentials certification until **1st April 2023** for all companies.

In addition, companies that hold ISO 27001 certification will no longer be required to obtain Cyber Essentials certification.

The police policy will be amended to reflect this and is applicable to all installers and ARCs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is available via both the Police Security Systems website (policesecuritysystems.com) and the Secured by Design website (securedbydesign.com under 'Group Initiatives' - this site also provides a list of contacts for each Police force alarm unit).

NSI appreciates that the majority of approved companies have already taken steps to comply with the original deadline. Whilst this update does provide some breathing room, we strongly encourage approved companies to continue on their journeys to enhance their cyber security and help protect their businesses in the meantime.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.





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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew Holliday'.

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