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NSAI IS3218:2009 and BS9999:2008

(IS3218 is the New Fire Alarm Systems Standard and the BS9999 is the new Guidance on Design Management and Use of building to achieve acceptable levels of fire safety).

Today, the 30th June 2009 I attended a Seminar run by the NSAI and the IS3218:2009 committee.

The newly launched IS3218:2009 for Fire Alarm Detection Systems is now in place and the previous IS3218:1989 has been rebuked. The seminar was very well attended (approx. 200 delegates) and during the 'questions and answers section' from the floor I put a question to the NSAI officials I questioned "Had the NSAI any intention of licensing or requiring special training for Electrical Contractors in the installation of Fire Alarm Detection Systems."

The answer to this question was most definitely "NO" as this comes under the certification of RECI or ECSSA. I pointed out to all present that it was a ludicrous decision on the part of NSAI (National Standards Authority Ireland) and PSA (Private Security Authority) to prevent Electrical Contractors install Intruder Systems, Access Control, CCTV etc. without a license and a hefty annual fee. The Electrical Industry on the Whole, should never have accepted this decision.

To follow up on this I have arranged a meeting for AECI delegation to meet with PSA and discuss this issue at length. Any comments you may have regarding matters detailed above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Lundy
Executive Secretary