



BAFE POSITION REGARDING THE BRITANNIA P50 RANGE OF EXTINGUISHERS

We have been advised that the Britannia P50 range of fire extinguishers is fully compliant with BS EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007 and also has complied with the pressure Equipment Directive (PED) from a Notified Body. It has also achieved Kitemark Certification from BSI. However it should be noted that BS EN 3-7 is a performance standard and PED is used for the purposes of material integrity/safety etc and therefore full maintenance is not covered.

The BAFE SP101 scheme is primarily concerned with the quality management of the Registered Company and the competence of its technicians using BS 5306-3 and BS 5306-8 to assess compliance. It cannot and does not lay down any rules concerning which extinguishers companies should be selling save to say they should be legal i.e. CE Marked.

These extinguishers have been discussed by the relevant BSI committee, namely FSH/2. They determined that the P50 range cannot be serviced in compliance with BS 5306-3 and falls outside the cover calculation requirements of BS 5306-8 as they are currently written. As such they therefore fall outside of the remit of BAFE's SP101 scheme for the servicing of portable fire extinguishers.

BAFE always ensures that our name is not being used inappropriately for products or activities covered in BAFE schemes. We are thus continuing to deal with any issue of claims that BAFE registered technicians are providing the installation and commissioning of this range of products, as this cannot be done under the British Standard and the BAFE scheme. BAFE cannot restrict companies from selling and/or maintaining products that are not covered by the British Standard, but they are not covered by the scheme SP101. The wider subject of where technical innovation may lead demands care being taken to avoid creating an impression that may not be constructive or helpful. Otherwise, it could wrongly appear that BAFE's position is restrictive and seeking to limit or control innovation.

This has been discussed extensively within BAFE and our position must be one that reflects FSH/2, British and EN standards and applicable law. Following the withdrawal of BAFE scheme MP101 at the end of June 2016, BAFE no longer offers registration to portable extinguisher manufacturers and ongoing production of the products should not bear the BAFE logo roundel.

BAFE always promotes the value of using third party certificated companies to carry out fire protection services and the additional benefits of regular maintenance, including site inspection, checking for damage or wear and communicating with the client over usage and training. We will continue to promote these additional benefits to end users through advertising, website and other media in support of all of our registered companies.