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## **BAFE to withdraw SP201 and SP202 schemes and BAFE/BRE Global (LPCB) joint recognition letter**

After more than a decade of collaboration in recognition of the LPS 1014 scheme, BAFE is to withdraw the BAFE/BRE Global (LPCB) joint recognition letter and its BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 schemes (as of 31/03/2023).

The joint recognition letter was produced to allow those organisations that held LPS 1014 to also be recognised by BAFE as having satisfied the competency requirements of design, installation, commissioning, and maintenance of fire detection and fire alarm systems. Following application, organisations would be granted automatic registration to BAFE SP201. It did not allow for registration to the BAFE SP203-1 scheme. The decision to withdraw the letter as of 31/03/2023 is fully supported by the BRE Global (LPCB) management and this notification is published jointly.

Following a BAFE strategic management review it has been decided that these schemes no longer fit the overall long-term objectives and direction of the BAFE business. The decision has been taken to withdraw the letter on the basis that BAFE SP203-1 and LPS 1014 no longer align due to forthcoming updates to the BAFE SP203-1 scheme. The BRE Global (LPCB) LPS 1014 will continue as before with its normal auditing procedures for all new and existing scheme members.

With the upcoming withdrawal of the joint recognition letter, it has also been decided that BAFE will withdraw the BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 schemes as of the same date (31/03/2023) and no further applications will be taken with immediate effect. Organisations that are currently undergoing their LPS 1014 or LPS 1204 assessment for the first time will need to also undergo assessment for the BAFE SP203-1 and/or BAFE SP203-3 schemes if they want to be registered to both the BAFE and BRE Global (LPCB) schemes.

There will be a phased closing of the BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 schemes for existing registered organisations. All current registrations must be transferred to the equivalent BAFE scheme if the wish to maintain BAFE registration or cancelled prior to 31/03/2023. Existing organisations that are registered to the BAFE SP201 and/or BAFE SP202 schemes will need to apply for assessment to register for the BAFE SP203-1 and/or BAFE SP203-3 schemes should they wish to remain on the BAFE Fire Safety Register for these works. Any organisation that fails to provide any update on plans to maintain BAFE registration will automatically have this registration removed as of 31/03/2023.

Likewise, those with current BAFE SP203-1 third-party certification have the option to apply for BRE Global (LPCB) LPS1014 if they are suitable.

### Summary of actions from 12/07/2022

- The BAFE joint agreement letter with BRE Global (LPCB) will be officially withdrawn as of 31/03/2023.
- BRE Global (LPCB) LPS 1014 and LPS 1204 will not be changing and will continue to be run as normal.
- BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 schemes are no longer accepting new applications.
- BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 schemes will be officially withdrawn as of 31/03/2023 for current BAFE SP201 and BAFE SP202 registered organisations.

Please contact either BAFE or BRE Global (LPCB) should you wish to discuss this matter further.

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