

NSI Bulletin - Issue 2:

Topic: Mitigating Risk in Commercial Kitchens through Third-Party certification

Commercial Kitchens have always been high risk environments for accidents and incidents. According to data from Insurers, fires within commercial kitchens are statistically the third most likely cause of large fires*, behind hot works and arson attacks.

Many commercial kitchens are situated in sizeable retail and commercial venues where interruption by fire can have a significant impact to wider infrastructure, people and responding fire-fighters.

Fire suppression is a preferred option by some insurers for managing large exposures both in terms of material damage and business interruption within commercial kitchens; effective suppression at the point of ignition reduces risk to loss of life and limits financial impact to partial rather than total loss.

An Industry Response

Due to several large loss fires where the kitchen fire suppression system either failed to work or proved to be ineffective there was a call from insurers for better governance or oversight of companies providing kitchen fire protection systems.

In response, following collaboration between RiscAuthority, BAFE, manufacturers, installing companies and certification bodies including NSI, the BAFE SP206 scheme for the Design, Installation, Commissioning, Recharge & Maintenance of Kitchen Fire Protection Systems was developed.

Delivered by UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) accredited Third Party Certification Bodies such as NSI, the BAFE SP206 scheme allows authorised distributors of manufacturers' to issue Certificates of Compliance as evidence the system has been designed, installed and commissioned in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Each system visit, whether for a new installation or scheduled maintenance, requires a Certificate of Compliance to be issued by the approved company to confirm the system is still "fit for purpose".

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the number of commercial kitchens operating. Insurers have communicated advice on reopening, cleaning and risk management to customers in anticipation of a return to full capacity. Risk Control teams will be working closely with those customers who may have experienced growth, or where significant potential exposure has been highlighted by underwriters.

NSI is committed to maintaining industry standards developed in response to insurer demand and to assisting those seeking third-party certificated providers of kitchen fire protection systems which provide a level of quality, reliability and safety that non-certificated installations may lack.



Security.Improved

National Security Inspectorate (NSI) - The leading UKAS-accredited specialist certification body in the security and fire safety sectors, independently approving over 1900 companies nationally to International & British Standards and NSI Codes of Practice.

12th July 2021

Find out about NSI approved companies:
[nsi.org.uk](https://www.nsi.org.uk)



Search: National Security Inspectorate

Find NSI approved [‘Kitchen Fire Protection System Providers’](#).

More information on the [NSI Kitchen Fire Protection Systems Scheme \(BAFE SP206\)](#).

BAFE fire safety register can be found [here](#).

Additional information on the BAFE scheme including a simple explainer video can be found [here](#).

For more information or to speak directly with an NSI subject matter expert please feel free to contact John Davidson Approval Schemes Manager on Email: john.davidson@nsi.org.uk / Tel: 01628 764864

*Source: FPA/RISCAuthority

NSI News

ECHO-connected Police Forces

ECHO (Electronic Call Handling Operations) issued Notice to Alarm Receiving Centres, on behalf of two of the UK’s largest Police forces - Essex Police and the Metropolitan Police - to become ECHO-connected by 1st October 2021. Read the [Police Notice](#).

[Sign up here](#) to keep up to date with the latest developments on ECHO.

Fire Risk Assessment:

NSI’s fastest growing fire approval in 2021 is for Life Safety Fire Risk Assessments under the BAFE SP205 scheme. Fire risk assessment is the cornerstone of UK fire safety with legislation emphasising the importance of preventing fires and reducing risk. Companies holding NSI approval stand out as having subjected themselves to external scrutiny, demonstrating they are competent to provide this service.

Find NSI approved [‘Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment Providers’](#).



Security.Improved

National Security Inspectorate (NSI) - The leading UKAS-accredited specialist certification body in the security and fire safety sectors, independently approving over 1900 companies nationally to International & British Standards and NSI Codes of Practice.

12th July 2021

Find out about NSI approved companies:
[nsi.org.uk](https://www.nsi.org.uk)



Search: National Security Inspectorate