

IFSM Technical Meeting



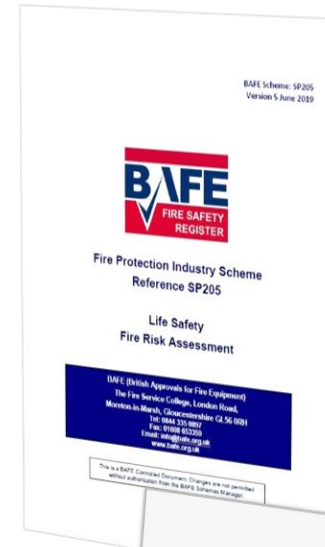
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Topics for Discussion

- Third Party Certification
- BAFE SP205-1 Fire Risk Assessment
- BAFE SP207 – Evacuation Alert Systems

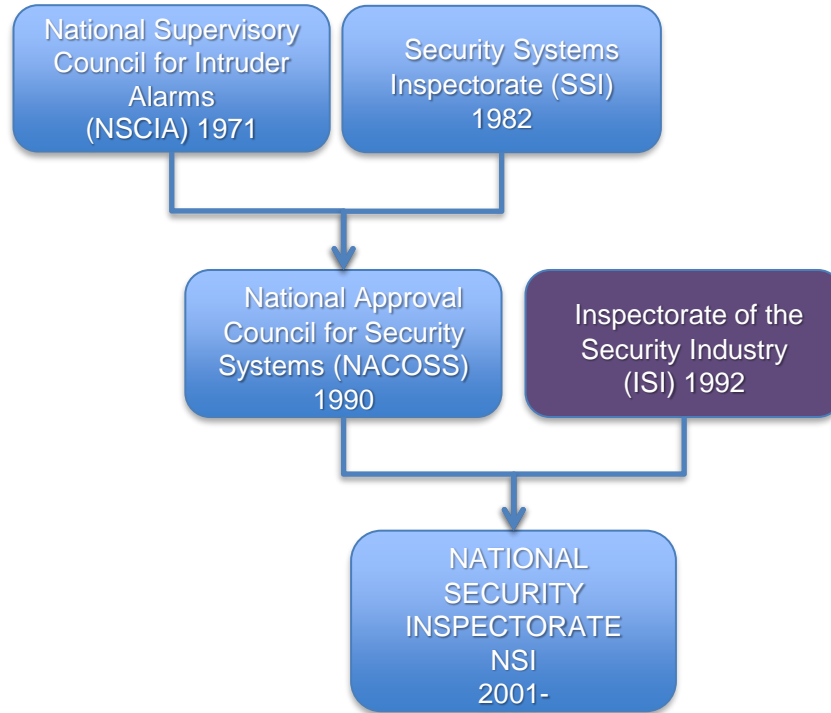


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UKAS Accredited Third Party Certification Body



- NSI is accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), the sole national accreditation body, recognised by government to assess, against internationally agreed standards, organizations that provide certification services.

NSI Schemes

- Silver (Systems, Fire, Guarding)
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400 Fire Systems
Companies

Over **900** NSI Security
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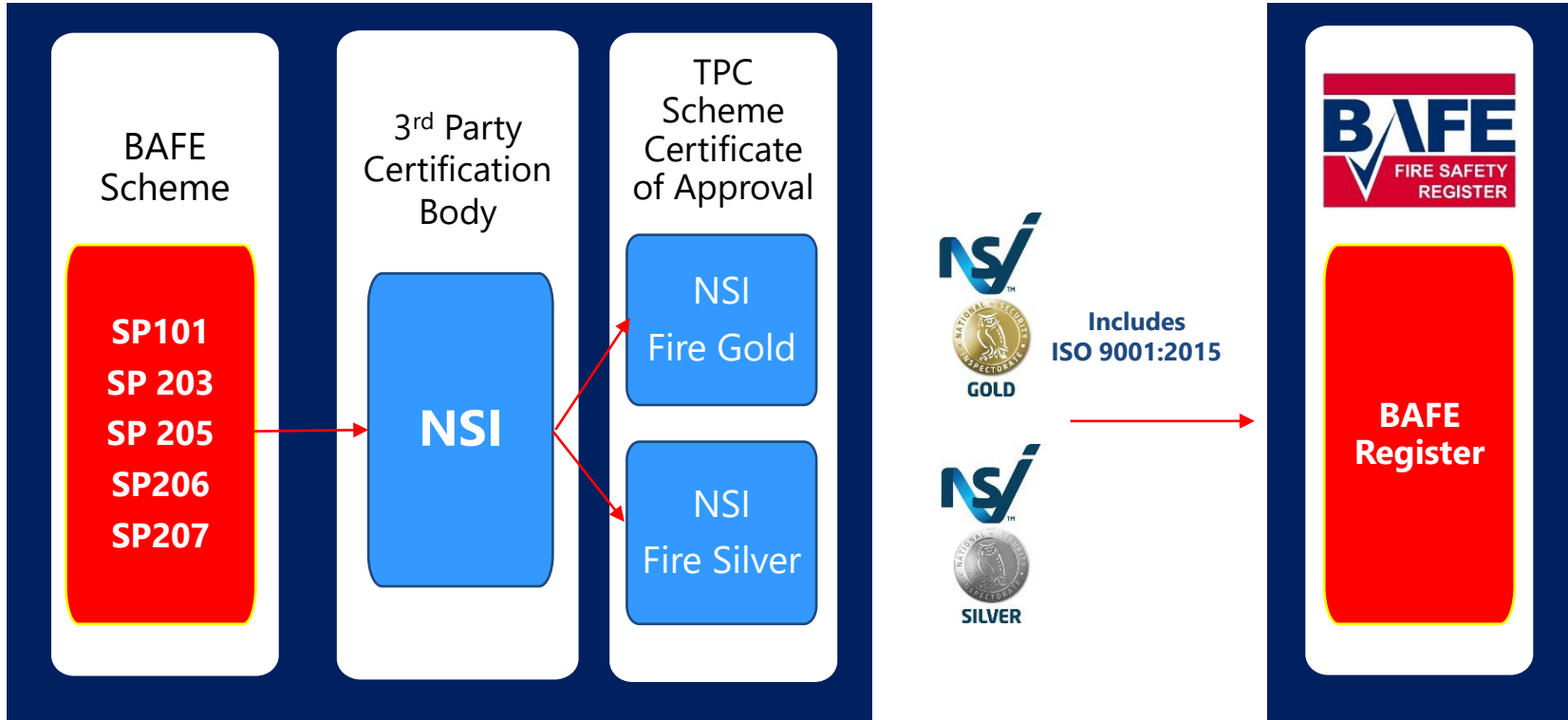
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2000

150 Guarding
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ACS assessed by NSI
and **90** elite
NSI Guarding Gold
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Over **2,500** active
approvals held by
companies in the UK
and Ireland

In-house team of **36** full-
time expert auditors all
specialising in security &
fire safety

Relationship between TPCB's and BAFE



NSI Life Safety Schemes



- SP101: Portable Fire Extinguishers
- SP203-1: Fire Detection & Fire Alarm Systems
- SP203-3: Gaseous Fire Suppression Systems
- SP203-4: Emergency Lighting
- SP205: Provision of Life Safety Fire Risk Assessments
- SP206: Kitchen Fire Protection Systems
- SP207: Evacuation Alert Systems

BAFE SP205-1

The Route to Certification

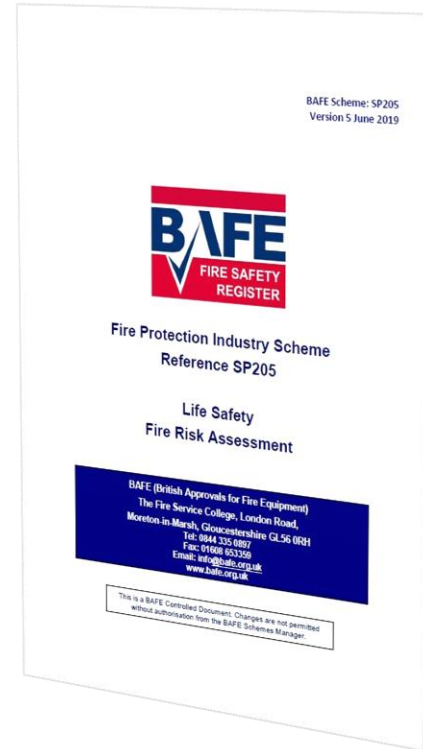


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SP205 – Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment – why the need?

- No definition of a “competent” fire risk assessor
- No “single” qualification
- Free-for-all
 - No mandatory requirement for professional registration or certification of fire risk assessors or fire risk assessment companies
- Race to the bottom on cost



SP205 – Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment



Key points:

- Company certification scheme
- Suitable for all size of companies
- No set format for FRAs but content must be in accordance with BAFE SP205-1, Annex D
- Company must demonstrate competency of assessors to achieve approval

SP205 – Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment



Key points:

- All validators are witnessed as part of initial audit process and then every three years
- Other fire risk assessors witnessed on a random sampling basis
- Desktop reviews of completed fire risk assessments carried out – number depends on size of company.

SP205 – Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment



Key points

- Simplified management system requirements for “sole traders”
- Can usually complete “sole trader” initial audit in one day
- Letter can be provided for “Validators” applying for IFSM register
- All FRAs are “validated” prior to being sent to client
- Each FRA issued with a “Certificate of Compliance”



/ SP205 – 1 Audit Process

Initial Certification Audit

- Duration depends on:
 - Size of company
 - Number of witnessed audits to be carried out
 - Number of desktop reviews to be done
- Refund for any days not used
- Due diligence process prior to acceptance as applicant

/ SP205 – 1 Initial Certification Audit Process

- Gold (ISO 9001)
 - One-day Stage 1 “Assessment of Preparedness” audit
 - One-day Stage 2 audit (office audit of processes/procedures)
 - Witness of each proposed validator
 - Witness of an assessor (non-validator)
 - Desktop review of x2 FRAs for each proposed validator
 - Desktop review of x2 FRAs for a sample of assessors (sample size based on number of assessors)

SP205 – 1 Initial Certification Audit Process

- Silver (non-ISO 9001)
 - One-day Initial Certification audit (office audit of processes/procedures)
 - Witness of each proposed validator
 - Witness of an assessor (non-validator)
 - Desktop review of x2 FRAs for each proposed validator
 - Desktop review of x2 FRAs for a sample of assessors (sample size based on number of assessors)

SP205 – 1 Ongoing Surveillance

- Usually 2 audit days per year
 - Office audit including DTRs of recently completed FRAs
 - Onsite audit of assessor carrying “live” FRA or onsite review of recently completed FRA
 - Each validator to re-witnessed every three years to maintain “validator” status

/ SP205 – 1 Ongoing Surveillance

- For “sole traders” 1.5 audit days per year
 - One day audit including audit of office processes, onsite witness and DTRs of recently completed FRAs
 - x2 FRAs submitted twice per year for desktop review (0.5 day)

/ Stumbling Blocks to Achieving Certification

- Not competent
- Documented management system not meeting SP 205-1
- Content of FRAs not meeting SP 205-1, Annex D
- Tick box approach
- Lack of detail – supporting narrative required

REMEMBER



The detail given in your FRAs could be your defence – it could save you or hang you.

BAFE SP207 - Evacuation Alert Systems



Fire Protection Industry Scheme

Reference SP207

For the Design, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of

Evacuation Alert Systems



BAFE SP207 - Evacuation Alert Systems



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- Developed in consultation with the F&RS
- Launched in October 2020
- NSI – the first certification body to achieve UKAS accreditation to operate the scheme



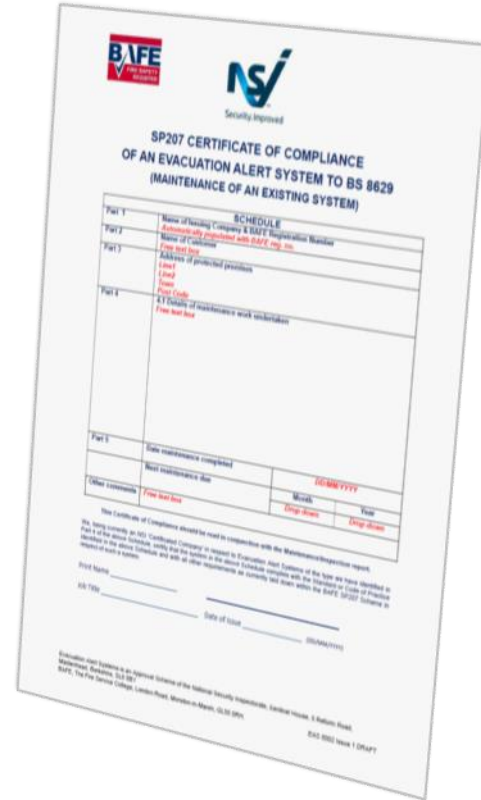
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A “modular” Scheme

- companies must demonstrate competency, to gain approval for the scope of work they carry out

“MOT” **Certificates of Compliance** issued

- on completion of installation
- following maintenance



BAFE Fire Safety Register

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SP207 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE OF AN EVACUATION ALERT SYSTEM TO BS 8629 (MAINTENANCE OF AN EXISTING SYSTEM)

| SCHEDULE | |
|----------|--|
| Part 1 | Name of Issuing Company & BAFE Registration Number |
| Part 2 | Name of Customer |
| Part 3 | Address of protected premises |
| Part 4 | Type of maintenance work undertaken |
| Part 5 | Date maintenance completed |
| Part 6 | Next maintenance due |

Other comments

This Certificate of Compliance should be read in conjunction with the Maintenance/Inspection report.

The Issuing Company is an NSI Certified Company or approved in Evaluation Class Category of the type as those identified in the Schedule of the above Certificate, which has the highest of the above Evaluation Class Category of the type as those identified in the Schedule of the above Certificate, and all other requirements as currently set down within the BAFE SP207 Scheme in respect of such a system.

First Name _____ Surname _____
 Job Title _____ Date of Issue _____ (DD/MM/YYYY)

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 BAFE, The Fire Service College, London Road, Mansfield, Nottingham, NG20 9PL

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/ BAFE SP207 – “Qualified Certification”



- Available for companies who haven't yet installed / commissioned / maintained any BS 8629 systems
- Time limited – currently 12 months
- Initial audit consists of desktop review of:
 - Management system
 - Competency records
 - Documentation (e.g. system design proposal, install/commissioning/maintenance documentation)
- Must provide systems for technical inspection within 12 months of “Qualifying Certification”

Third Party Certification – the benefits

- Companies independently regularly assessed to ensure competency for a specific service.
- Certificate of Approval evidence of competency
- Helps demonstrate due diligence in sourcing a competent provider to help meet your fire safety obligations.
- Ongoing assessment always takes account of latest updates in standards and best working practice.

..Check NSI company finder for listings..



/ Your assurance of competence

QUESTIONS





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