



Federation Newsletter

Winter 2021

Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- INTERSCHUTZ
14 to 19 June 2021
Hannover.
- Emergency Services
Show Fire safety
Event
7-9 September 2021
NEC Birmingham

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National Construction Products Regulator



The Housing Secretary has [announced](#) the establishment of a national construction products regulator based within the Office for Product Safety and Standards.

Provided with additional funding and working with the Building Safety Regulator and Trading

Standards the regulator will have, enforcement and prosecution powers, the ability to conduct its own product-testing when investigating concerns and remove products presenting a significant safety risk from the market.

An independent review to examine weaknesses in previous testing regimes for construction products, and to recommend how abuse of the testing system can be prevented, is also planned.

Dates for Meetings

The Board has agreed it would be a help to have a business diary and have agreed the following dates for Forums.

Wednesday 24 February 2021 with a focus on product assurance

Monday 10 May 2021 This will be the AGM

Wednesday 8 September 2021 at NEC coinciding with the FS Show

Monday 8 November 2021 the day before the 2021 Fire Summit

Wednesday 15 December 2021

Thursday 24 February 2022

Tuesday 10 May 2022 This will be the AGM

Product Assurance Workshop

It is proposed that reviewing the construction product assurance regime should be the subject for the next Forum to be held on Wednesday 24 February 2021.

The Board see this very much as a policy formation debate and discussion, similar to the one we held in 2018 on third-party assurance. Members are encouraged and invited to attend join in the conversation, comment and help the Federation find the common ground.

BSI Flex 8670: v2.0 Comment

The Built environment – Overarching framework for building safety competence of individuals – Specification is already in its second version of BSI Flex 8670 closes for comment on 2 February 2021. To download, review and comment on the draft, please go to the [link](#) and register for free online (new users) and log in.

Lord Greenhalgh Responds on Products Query

Further to a request from the Federation seeking a government view on retesting in laboratories of construction products and the need to seek quality and compliance a response has been received and is available on the Federation website. [response](#)

Amendments to Regulation of Architects

The Federation has responded to the government's consultation on reform through amendment of the Architects Act 1997 and the [response](#) is posted in the members area of the FSF website.

Safer Buildings in Wales: A Consultation

The Welsh Government has published a Building Safety White Paper with responses requested by 12 April 2021. The [White Paper](#) asks over 100 questions on proposals for comprehensive legislative reform and change across the lifecycle of buildings and a change in culture.

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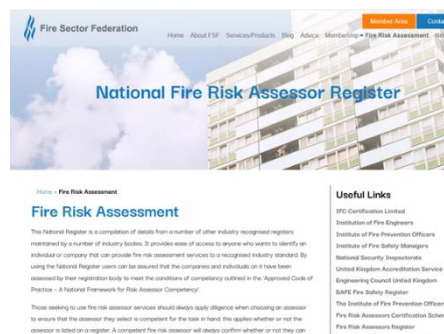
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Fire Risk Assessors National Register

A task that representatives from BAFE, FIA, IFE, IFSM, NIS and the Federation agreed to undertake as part of the implementation of recommendations made when industry responded to criticism by Dame Judith Hackitt with its Setting the Bar report on competency is moving closer.

The idea was to create a national fire risk assessor register to support responsible persons under the Fire safety Order and the public in general.

As a first step a listing has recently been partially compiled, which will be hosted by the Federation, from information held on a number of existing recognised registers.



New Membership Leaflet

Recently we have updated our information [leaflet](#) for new members and would appreciate if you would please share with anyone in your professional network that you think would benefit from membership of the Federation.
