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BENEFITS OF THE NSAI CERTIFICATE

1. Standard Control

The NSAI operates under the National Standards Authority of Ireland Act, 1996, on behalf of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for the publication of national standards.

The NSAI develops and publishes standards to meet international demands for:

- Quality,
- Design,
- Performance,
- Safety,
- Environmental impact of products and services.

These standards are quoted extensively by specifiers in public and private purchasing requirements.

The Mission of NSAI Standards is to further the social and economic interests of the consumer and industry through the development and promotion of Irish, European and international Standards for products and services.

Standards are achieved through broad CONSENSUS

This is done by

- Involving the widest possible
 - Technological experts
 - Industry representatives

- Regulators
- Safety interests
- Social partners
- Ensuring standards are (where possible)
 - Performance driven
 - Technology neutral

2. Client Security

Summary

This Standard Recommendation specifies operational requirements for companies engaged in the installation and maintenance of intruder alarm systems, **Access Control Systems** and CCTV systems. relevant employment which involves, or may involve, the use acquisition of, or access to, knowledge of a confidential nature, the improper use of which could involve the company, its clients, or any third party, in a security risk. screening period prior to the date of the application for relevant employment or transfer to relevant employment.

The names of all directors of the company shall be established and a record of the results of screening of these directors shall be held on file and shall be disclosed to the client on request. Screening procedures, shall, where practicable, include direct reference to former employers, state institutions, educational authorities, etc., with confirmation by them in writing of a continuous record of the career or history of the person being screened for the whole of the screening period, on a month-to-month basis.

3. Technical Security

European Codes of Practice

As part of the European Union's desire to remove technical barriers to trade, a set of European Codes of Practice in the field of civil and structural engineering works is currently in the course of development by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN).

The European Commission's objective is for the Eurocodes to establish a set of common technical rules for the design of buildings and civil engineering works that will ultimately replace the differing rules in the various member states.

The codes have the status of European Standards. Technical, manufacturing and installation companies in the member states are required to adopt Eurocodes for structural products and construction works and recognise that the use of these Eurocodes raises a presumption of conformity with the Essential Requirements of Directive 89/106/EEC.

The intended benefits and opportunities for Eurocodes listed include:

- The provision of common design criteria and methods to fulfil the specified requirements for mechanical resistance, stability and resistance to fire,
- A common understanding regarding the design of structures between owners, operators and users, designers, contractors and manufacturers of construction products,

Each of the codes are divided into a number of parts covering specific aspects of the subject. All of the Eurocodes relating to materials have a part 1-1, which covers the design of buildings and civil engineering structures

Ireland's participation in the work of TC 250 has been done through the NSAI National Eurocodes Advisory Committee (NEAC). The main working group is composed of Liaison Engineers.

