

Scottish Resilience

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Dear Chief Officer

DEAR CHIEF OFFICER (SCOTLAND) LETTER 5/2010 SPECIFICATION FOR DISTRESS SIGNAL UNITS

This letter is to draw your attention to the publication of a new British Standard (BS) relating to Distress Signal Units (DSUs) for use by Fire and Rescue Services.

Please see the attached e-mail which was sent from Sir Ken Knight to the English Fire and Rescue Services on 27 April 2010.

Yours faithfully

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From: Evette Abrahams-Newton **On Behalf Of** Ken Knight
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 3:24 PM
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Cc: 'Brian Fraser'; 'chief@nifrs.org'; 'Paul Young'
Subject: Specification for Distress Signal Units

Dear Colleague,

This email is to advise you of the publication of a new British Standard (BS) relating to Distress Signal Units (DSUs) for use by Fire and Rescue Services.

As you will be aware the previous specifications for DSUs and ADSUs were published as Joint Committee for Design and Development (JCDD) specifications under the previous CFBAC arrangements.

In 2008 it was recognised that the specifications should be refreshed and updated and that it was appropriate to replace these with a new British Standard.

I am pleased to advise you that as a result of the work of a BSI committee Chaired by Brian Hansford, "BS 10999-2010: Specification for Distress Signal Units for the Fire and Rescue Service", has now been published and is available from BSI at <http://click.bsi-global-email.com/?ju=fe4b1d7372630d757612&ls=fd911717264007f76117876&m=fef91270746c03&l=fec811747367007c&s=fe261678756d0d7c711c70&jb=ffcf14&t=>>

This email is also to advise you that JCDD/19/1 and JCDD/38 have now been withdrawn from use and that your records should be amended accordingly.

A FRS Circular confirming the above will be issued in due course.

Regards

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