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Update to the EN 54-23 Legislation: Visual Alarm Devices

1. Overview

This product bulletin is to advise on changes to the co-existence period end date for the EN 54-23 beacon standard.

2. Reasons for change

As you will be aware, the co-existence period for EN 54-23 ended on 1st March 2013 after which time any beacon sold for the purpose of alerting an occupant to a Fire Alarm was legally required to be CE marked to EN 54-23.

At the 74th meeting of the SCC on March 25th the co-existence period for EN54-23 was retrospectively extended until December 31st 2013.

Please see the link below:-

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newapproach/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=cpd.hs>

3. Changes

This change means that any beacon can be used on a European fire system up until December 31st 2013. After this date EN 54-23 becomes mandatory.

4. Implementation

Cooper Fulleon took a number of initiatives to deliver the requirements of the standard in line with the original end date of the co-existence period, including notification on invoices and additional information supplied with the product leaflet. This notification will be withdrawn in the next two weeks and reapplied on all products supplied after December 31st 2013.

5. Further information

The Fulleon LX beacon range has been designed to comply with EN 54-23. The first product in the range will be available to order from next month. The Solista LX Ceiling and Wall Beacon will deliver a room size coverage of up to 7.5m for as little as 16mA. The full range will be available for review and pre order at Firex International between 13th and 16th May, where Fulleon will be exhibiting in Hall 3 Stand K10.

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