

## **CASTLE CARE-TECH Ltd.**

### **EN50131 IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT**

British Standards for intruder alarm systems, including BS.4737, were officially withdrawn by BSI, at the behest of CENELEC, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004. These are replaced by new harmonised European Standards in the EN50131 family.

We are frequently being asked when the Euro-MERiDIAN range will be fully compliant with "EN50131." Unfortunately, **along with all other manufacturers**, we cannot yet answer that question.

Why?

1. The requirements for installations within the UK will NOT be those currently included in EN50131-1:1997. The implementation in the UK will be based on a revised version of this standard – prEN50131-1:2004.
2. Any claim of compliance with EN50131 is therefore irrelevant in the UK. It is compliance with PD6662:2004 that will matter.
3. PD6662:2004 was only made available in September for manufacturers to use to design and develop products / upgrades in order to comply.
4. DD243 has been reviewed to ensure harmonisation with prEN50131-1:2004, and was not published until mid-December.
5. The revised ACPO policy for Hold Up alarms is also to be implemented at the same time. This has not yet been published, but requirements are in draft stages at BSIA.

An agreement has been reached between all parties in the UK security industry – ABI, ACPO, ACPO(S), BSIA, NSI and SSAIB - for a formal "dual-running" period to enable manufacturers to produce appropriate equipment – when the necessary documentation is complete - and installers to complete necessary training, etc. **This implementation period will expire on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2005** – from which date all systems installed in the UK will need to comply with PD6662:2004. The full text of this joint industry statement is attached.

Castle Care-Tech is fully committed to the development and use of these standards, and is actively involved in the work of the various committees working to resolve these issues.

Most of the technical issues relating to the standards have now been clarified, so that we have start upgrading the Euro-MERiDIAN range for full compliance as quickly as is practical.

**However, at least one requirement of PD662 CANNOT be complied with until CIE manufacturers agree a way forward with Signalling device manufacturers. It is hoped that an agreement on this requirement will be ratified by the beginning of February. Until this is done, no CIE manufacturer can complete specifications, let alone confirm release date for product!!!**

We will, in due course, be making more detailed training available for our customers, according to demand.

#### **NOTE re: Euro-MERiDIAN.**

This panel range was designed to provide the facilities required for use in a system designed to comply with EN50131-1:1997, and has been certified as compliant. However, this is now irrelevant in the UK, as explained above.

**THE 2004 INDUSTRY STATEMENT OF THE**  
**ABI, BSIA, NSI & SSAIB**  
**ON THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
**EUROPEAN STANDARDS**

CENELEC BT Board set a date of withdrawal (DOW) of the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2004** for all national standards conflicting with EN 50131-1.

The British Security Industry has been working hard to ensure the relevant documentation is put in place to allow for a transition from current British Standards e.g. BS 4737 to European Standards e.g. pr EN 50131-1:2004 for the installation of intruder and hold up alarm systems in the UK.

Following discussions between the main UK Industry organisations and by the publication of the revision of PD 6662:2004 by British Standards Institution, it has been agreed that: -

- There will be dual running of PD 6662 and British Standards until **1<sup>st</sup> October 2005**. At this date BS 4737 and any other conflicting British Standards will no longer be able to be used for the installation of intruder alarm systems.
- Installers may install to PD 6662 (including DD 243 if on police response) as soon as they wish as long as they can source confirming equipment.

**Note:** DD243 is under revision.

- The timeframe for all new systems incorporating a hold up (i.e. PA facility) to meet the ACPO hold up (i.e. PA requirements) will be **1<sup>st</sup> October 2005**.

Manufacturers will produce equipment based on the published documentation stating the security grade and environmental class.

Installers should ensure that after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 they only install intruder and hold up alarm systems that comply with the requirements of PD6662:2004 (e.g. including prEN50131-1:2004), the latest edition of DD 243, and (where applicable) the new ACPO hold up (i.e. PA) proposals.

***The above industry statement is approved by ACPO & ACPOS***