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- Private Security Industry Act 2001 [1]

1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the management, staffing and operation of an organization providing security guarding services on a static site.

NOTE 1 Annex A gives information on the use of the term “security guarding”.

This British Standard does not apply to all security services, for example cash-in-transit services, the management and operation of closed-circuit television (CCTV), door supervisors, keyholding and response services, mobile patrol services and event stewarding.

NOTE 2 Recommendations for cash-in-transit services, CCTV, door supervisors, keyholding and response services, mobile patrol services and event stewarding are given in BS 7872, BS 7958, BS 7960, BS 7984-1, BS 7984-3 and BS 8406 respectively.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document.¹⁾ For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 7858, *Screening of individuals working in a secure environment – Code of practice*

BS 10800:2020, *Provision of security services – Code of practice*

BS EN 50131-1, *Alarm systems – Intrusion and hold-up systems – Part 1: System requirements*

PD 6662, *Scheme for the application of European Standards for intrusion and hold-up alarm systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 assignment instructions

operational documented information detailing site-specific contractual duties

NOTE The document can be either a hard copy or an electronic copy.

3.2 check call

routine communication to verify the location and status of a security officer on an assignment

3.3 competent person

person, suitably trained and qualified by knowledge and practical experience, and provided with the necessary instructions, to enable the required task(s) to be carried out correctly

[SOURCE: ISO 15779:2011, 3.10, modified – ‘correctly’ added]

3.4 control room

location where operational procedures are monitored and/or managed

3.5 controller

person designated to monitor control room operations and communications

3.6 customer

individual or body retaining the services of an organization

3.7 customer property

asset in which a customer has a legal financial interest

3.8 key(s)

instrument or data allowing authorized access to a customer’s property or premises

3.9 keyholding

service whereby an organization holds keys to a customer’s premises and/or equipment for use as agreed in the contract

NOTE 1 Keyholding might involve dual key systems. One key is held by the customer, and another (different) key to the same premises or equipment is held by the organization. Both keys would be required to gain access to the premises or to operate the equipment.

¹⁾ Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.

NOTE 2 See BS 7984 (all parts) for further information on keyholding and response services.

3.10 key register

documented record that allows an organization to confirm the location of keys (see **3.8**) at all times, the name of the person who has possession of the keys and the date and time of the keys' issue and return

3.11 organization

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its objectives

NOTE The concept of organization includes, but is not limited to: sole-trader, company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority, partnership, charity or institution, or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private.

[SOURCE:ISO 55001:2024, 3.1, modified – note 2 removed]

3.12 secure facility

strongly constructed dedicated room or securely mounted lockable cabinet for the holding of keys (see **3.8**)

3.13 security officer

person who performs contractual duties at a site

3.14 site

fixed location or premises to which a security officer (see **3.13**) is assigned for a fixed length of time

3.15 subcontract

all, or part, of a contract assigned to another service provider, where the subcontracted services provider is responsible for service delivery including the supply and management of their employees in fulfilment of the subcontract

NOTE When deployed, subcontracted labour remains under the direction and control of the subcontracting company.

3.16 takeover

transfer of contractual responsibilities from one organization to another

4 The service provider

4.1 Structure

The organization should follow the recommendations given in BS 10800:2020, **8.2**.

4.2 Finances

The organization should follow the recommendations given in BS 10800:2020, **7.2**.

4.3 Insurance

The organization should follow the recommendations given in BS 10800:2020, **7.3**.

4.4 Documented information

The organization should follow the recommendations given in BS 10800:2020, **7.11**.

5 Resources

5.1 Premises

The organization should follow the recommendations given in BS 10800:2020, **7.4**.