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Foreword

Publishing information

This British Standard is published by BSI and came into effect on 30 November 2006. It was prepared by Technical Committee GW/3, *Manned security services*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Information about this document

This British Standard is based on PAS 49:2002, which is withdrawn.

PAS 49 was drafted in conjunction with the Association of Security Consultants to provide an interim code of practice for security consultants.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the statutory requirements of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 [1].

Use of this document

As a code of practice, this British Standard takes the form of guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification and particular care should be taken to ensure that claims of compliance are not misleading.

Any user claiming compliance with this British Standard is expected to be able to justify any course of action that deviates from its recommendations.

Presentational conventions

The provisions in this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its recommendations are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is “should”.

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

The word “should” is used to express recommendations of this standard. The word “may” is used in the text to express permissibility, e.g. as an alternative to the primary recommendation of the clause. The word “can” is used to express possibility, e.g. a consequence of an action or an event.

Notes and commentaries are provided throughout the text of this standard. Notes give references and additional information that are important but do not form part of the recommendations. Commentaries give background information.

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This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the management, staffing and operation for the provision of contracted security consultancy services. Additionally, this code might assist those who wish to contract the services of a security consultant.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 7858, *Security screening of personnel employed in a security environment – Code of practice*

BS ISO 10002, *Quality management – Customer satisfaction – Guidelines for complaints handling in organizations*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 scope of work

document detailing specific contractual services

3.2 customer

individual(s), public or corporate body retaining the services of a consultancy

3.3 consultancy

individual or organization that is the prime provider of security consultancy services

NOTE This definition also applies to a security consultant acting in a self-employed capacity, a sole trader, a partnership or an incorporated company.

3.4 security consultant

individual giving advice about:

- a) security precautions or processes in relation to any risk to property, the person or other tangible/intangible assets; or
- b) the use of any services involving the activities of security operatives.

NOTE This definition does not apply to any activities of a member of a relevant accountancy body that are carried:

- a) *by him/her;*
- b) *by any firm of which he/she is a partner or by which he/she is employed;*
- c) *by any body corporate of which he/she is a director or member or by which he/she is employed.*