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Foreword

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1 Scope

This code of practice gives recommendations for the provision of security consultancy.

Additionally, this code may assist those who wish to contract the services of a security consultant.

NOTE The term “security consultant” is used in the sense defined in the United Kingdom Private Security Industry Act 2001 [1].

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, *Code of practice for security screening of personnel employed in a security environment*.

BS 8600, *Complaints management systems — Guide to design and implementation*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this PAS the following definitions apply.

3.1

assignment agreement

operational document detailing specific contractual duties

3.2

customer

individual(s) or a corporate body retaining the services of a security consultant

3.3

organization

individual or principal 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) the taking of security precautions in relation to any risk to property or to the person; or
- b) the acquisition of any services involving the activities of a security operative.

NOTE 1 This definition does not apply to the giving of legal or financial advice or to the giving of any advice about the conduct of any business involving the acquisition of any services involving the activities of a security operative.

NOTE 2 This definition does not apply to any activities of a member of a relevant accountancy body that are carried:

- 1) by him/her;
- 2) by any firm of which he/she is a partner or by which he/she is employed;
- 3) by any body corporate of which he/she is a director or member or by which he/she is employed.

NOTE 3 This definition does not apply to the provision of training to persons for the purpose of giving them qualifications, knowledge or skill for use in carrying out the activities of a security operative for others.

NOTE 4 Attention is drawn to the fact that this definition reflects the content of the United Kingdom Private Security Industry Act 2001 [1].