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## EFSG announces changes to the Safes, Strong rooms & High Security Locks mutual recognition agreements

EFSG agreements facilitate multiple certification and trouble-free access to the market. Each of the signatories to the agreements accept the results of tests to the applicable EN standards from each of the respective EFSG nominated associated testing laboratories. EFSG members and their associated testing laboratories undertake rigorous comparison exercises that are unparalleled by any other certification/testing organisations to ensure the quality of their testing results are to the highest level.

Users of security equipment need complete trust in the products used to protect their valuables and high value assets. Certification obtained from EFSG members must provide the users with the confidence that the products will offer the right levels of security protection required. To ensure this obligation is fulfilled EFSG has recently tightened its operating rules. For example, measures have been implemented which strengthen the relationship that connects the certification body to its associated testing laboratory. To avoid a drift in the quality of the tests results and the associated certificates, each certification body may now nominate one associated testing laboratory per field of activity. This change still allows product manufacturers a choice of testing supplier whilst ensuring EFSG members have more control over the quality of testing.

It is a fundamental principle of the EFSG that credible product certification can only be delivered by certification bodies that are truly impartial and able demonstrate they are free from influence by the product manufacturing base or associated trade organisations.

All EFSG members share these values and are committed to the changes necessary to uphold them.

Following the resignation of ECB from the EFSG, the agreements for Safes and Strong rooms and High Security Locks will be updated and signed by VdS, CNPP and SBSC. As a consequence, product certification issued by ECB can no longer be used in support of obtaining certification from EFSG members.

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