

Certification of product changes instigated due to component supply problems

Events of the past few years have presented numerous challenges for component suppliers and logistics companies trying to support market demands. Subsequently, manufacturers of fire alarm and/or intrusion alarm equipment facing component shortages are sometimes forced to re-engineer existing third-party certified product designs to accommodate alternative components.

To maintain the product certificates such changes, require re-certification. To minimise the time required to complete the certification process EFSG members have issued a commitment.

Commitment of EFSG members

To assist customers with a process of 'fast-track' certification for product changes linked to component shortages, EFSG members commit to the following:

- To create a test schedule within 3 weeks, once all the data needed for the application submission is available at the primary certification body (pCB).
- The pCB shall authorise the test programme to commence without waiting for acceptance from the other certification bodies (aCBs). In parallel the test schedule is sent to the aCBs for review.
- The test report published by the pCB describing the changes and evaluation findings shall include information in sufficient detail so as to permit certification decisions to be made by the recipient aCBs.

In most cases the aCBs will recognise the test results, however in the unlikely event that an aCB identifies a specific test was omitted, the aCB might request the omitted test is performed prior to completion.

This commitment shall be in force until April 2024, at which time the situation and the need for the commitment shall be reviewed.