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Foreword

This document (CEN/TS 54-14:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 72 “Fire detection and fire alarm systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Introduction

Guidelines covering fire detection and fire alarm systems are published by many different organisations within Europe. The intention of this document is to draw together these many different documents, so as to provide a unified set of guidelines which can give a reasonable Technical Specification of planning, design, installation, commissioning, use and maintenance for fire detection and fire alarm systems throughout Europe.

It is not intended that these guidelines should override existing documents. It is expected for a considerable (and as yet unspecified) period that these guidelines will coexist with the other documents. But it is hoped that the availability of a common set of guidelines will assist in the gradual harmonisation of practice and standards of fire detection and fire alarm systems throughout Europe.

The recommendations within these guidelines are not of themselves mandatory, and have no direct power. They can however be made mandatory by being specified within another document which is itself mandatory. For example, an authority having power under local or national legislation can require compliance with the guidelines, or a contract between a purchaser and a supplier can specify compliance (which may then become mandatory for that system under contract law). The detailed methods by which recommendations become mandatory are not specified within this document, and are a matter for whichever organisation has the necessary authorities.

The main principles on which the guidelines are based are given in the body of the standard. Detailed recommendations by which these principles may be satisfied are given in Annexes.

1 Scope

This document provides guidelines for the application of automatic fire detection and fire alarm systems in and around buildings. The Technical Specification covers planning, design, installation, commissioning, use and maintenance of the systems.

The guidelines cover systems intended for the protection of life and/or the protection of property.

The guidelines cover systems with at least one fire detector. The systems may be capable of providing signals to initiate, in the event of a fire, the operation of ancillary equipment (such as fixed fire extinguishing systems) and other precautions and actions (such as machinery shutdown), but the guidelines do not cover the ancillary services themselves.

The guidelines do not cover systems combining fire alarm functions with other non-fire related functions.

The guidelines do not recommend whether or not an automatic fire detection and/or fire alarm system should be installed in any given premises.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this Part of EN 54 that the execution of its provisions will be trusted to appropriately competent persons. However, guidance is also given to other persons purchasing or using a fire detection or fire alarm system.

2 Normative references

The following referenced document is 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.

EN 54-1:1996, *Fire detection and fire alarm systems – Part 1: Introduction*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 54-1:1996 and the following apply.

3.1

acceptance

decision that the installed system meets the requirements of a previously agreed specification

3.2

alarm load

maximum power (normally electrical) that might be required under the fire condition

3.3

ancillary equipment

equipment which can initiate or be initiated by the fire detection and alarm system

3.4

approval

agreement by a third party that the installed system satisfies the requirements of the third party