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We have been asked to clarify the requirements in respect of information that should be recorded on maintenance records (service labels) on extinguishers.

The service label must show the following:

- The maintenance supplier's name and address
- The date (year and month) the service was carried out
- The type of service.
This will be basic service, extended service and recharge or overhaul and recharge. This can be in written form (i.e. basic service etc.) or a code can be used, in which case the code must be shown on the service label. Examples of this are BS = basic service, ESR = extended service and recharge, ESR = extended service and recharge. Any code can be used provided it is described on the label.
- A mark clearly identifying the competent person. This can be initials or a code or number. Each company should establish a uniform system of identifying marks for each service technician, which should always be used.
- The year (date and month) of any overhaul.
- The measured mass of the extinguisher, if it is a stored pressure extinguisher or a gas cartridge powder extinguisher.
The measured mass is the gross weight. It should be noted whether this applies to the extinguisher and all removable parts, or without removable parts (such as hose, horn/elbow etc.). It is permitted to include a box on the service label which states "Gross weight or measured mass, including, or not including all removable parts" or similar. The measured mass must be recorded when the extinguisher is put into service. IFEDA recommend that the weight is not also separately recorded at each service because a 10% tolerance is allowed and an error might occur if there is a further weight reduction at the following or a subsequent service, which is assessed as being within the tolerance using the reduced weight and not the original weight.
- The standard also states that it might be appropriate to record the next service due date (day and month).
IFEDA recommend you consider adding a section to your service labels to enable this to be recorded because some inspecting authorities now require this information to be on service labels.

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