



# Technical Memo

## Addendum

From: The National Office

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Subject: BAFE Scheme SP101

Technical memo 6 advised of the addition of clauses 4.14 and 4.15 to the requirements of Scheme SP101.

Clause 4.15 Sub-contracting states:-

In the event of any work covered by this scheme being sub-contracted the requirements of the scheme shall be extended to apply to the sub-contractor(s).

This clause in effect calls for any servicing that is 'farmed out' to be placed with a sub-contractor who is also a BAFE Scheme SP101 registered company.

If CO2 refilling and testing and dry powder refilling is not undertaken 'in house' the work should be sub-contracted to a company registered in BAFE Scheme SP103.

All extinguishers supplied new should be manufactured by a BAFE registered manufacturer.

Some manufacturers and suppliers are offering new dry powder extinguishers that are not 'Kite Marked' or BAFE approved for sale, to be used as service exchange appliances when a client's existing extinguishers become due for extended service and recharge.

If these are manufactured and filled by a company who holds BAFE approval in respect of extinguisher manufacture it is acceptable for companies registered in Scheme SP101 to use them PROVIDED the equipment bears the manufacturers name and address in the same manner as required on a 'Kite Marked' model.

If the appliance bears an approved manufacturers name and address it is also acceptable to be filled by a company registered under BAFE scheme SP103. It can also be filled 'in house'.

We have been shown some instances of powder extinguishers that appear to be new which have been offered for sale as service exchange units and there is no indication on the extinguisher who the manufacturer is and in some cases who filled and pressurised the appliance.

A service company registered in BAFE Scheme SP101 will not be able to prove during audit that servicing involving a dry powder extinguisher as described in the previous paragraph has been carried out in the prescribed manner.

You are therefore advised to only use extinguishers that have been manufactured, refurbished or recharged by a company operating a BAFE recognised quality assurance scheme.

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