



## Technical Memo

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#### ADDENDUM

Some questions have been raised in respect of Technical Memo 17 which we attempt to answer in this bulletin.

The 'Kite Mark' on an extinguisher indicates it is manufactured in accordance with the requirements of the standard noted on the BSI Kite Mark logo to be found on the extinguisher body and the manufacturing process was carried out in accordance with a quality system conforming to the requirements of BS EN ISO.

This quality approval only covers the manufacturing process and once the appliance is in the hands of a distributor supply, installation include suitability for the fire risk to be covered and subsequent maintenance is covered by different standards which in the case of fire extinguishers are BS5306-3 : 2003 and BS5306-8 : 2000.

If a client specifies 'Kite Marked' extinguishers the distributor must conform to this and irrespective of any such specification only 'Kite Marked' or 'BAFE' approved extinguishers should be supplied if these are called for by a statutory body (some fire certificates and various authorities covering activities which may include transport offshore installations etc).

When a fire extinguisher is recharged, tested and recharged or overhauled and recharged the 'Kite Mark', 'BAFE', or similar approval indicate the standards under which extinguisher was manufactured and thereafter the quality of service carried out and suitability of the extinguisher for the risk it covers are covered are the responsibility of the service company.

The indication of quality and suitability may then be judged by the level of competence of the person who carried out the service which will be reinforced by any quality approvals held by that person or servicing organization.

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