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High Compliance found during Door Security Inspections carried out by the PSA and An Garda Síochána during Rag Week in Cork

On 9th February 2012, Inspectors from the Private Security Authority (PSA) in conjunction with An Garda Síochána carried out a number of late night inspections of door supervisor (licensed premises) services in Cork City which took place during Rag Week. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that only those licensed by the PSA are operating and that individuals are wearing a clearly visible identity badge.

Inspections took place at 8 venues throughout the city and a total of 68 interviews of individual door security personnel were conducted. Of the 68 individuals interviewed a total of 64 were found to be licensed (94% compliance). Of the 64 licensed individuals, 62 were wearing the ID badge as required (97%).

Contractor compliance was identified as 100%. Previous inspections at 16 venues in the city recorded overall individual compliance of 84% and ID badge compliance of 90%. These latest inspections record a welcome increase in compliance in both licensed individuals and ID badge requirements.

Ms. Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive of the PSA said "Compliance with the licensing requirement and the wearing of the Identity badge by door staff was much improved. The PSA will continue to take every action necessary to remove unlicensed individuals from the security industry and will also take action against pubs and nightclubs who employ the unlicensed. Prosecution will commence against those who were found to be unlicensed and those employing unlicensed individuals.



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The Authority will issue sanctions against those licensees found not compliant with the wearing of the Identity Badge requirement. This is a legal requirement and provides the public with evidence that the wearer has met the appropriate licensing standards set by the PSA. It also allows for identification if a member of the public wishes to make a complaint to the PSA. Compliance in Cork city will continue to be monitored by the PSA."

The Private Security Authority is the statutory body with responsibility for licensing and regulating the private security industry in Ireland. The Authority is an independent body under the aegis of the Department of Justice and Equality.

The Private Security Authority website (www.psa.gov.ie) contains a register of licence holders and is a useful tool for business and the public who can ensure that their security provider is licensed by checking the details on the register.