



## INFORMATION NOTE ON PSA 67:2021

This information note relates to questions received in relation to the interpretation of PSA 67 against Technical Guidance Documents. It is not a legal interpretation and access control contractors should ensure that they are familiar with the contents of the building regulations and other statutory obligations. The building regulations can be found at this link [click here](#).

**Q** What are the requirements for emergency exits under PSA 67?

**A** Nothing in PSA 67 absolves a contractor from their obligations under the Building Regulations. All access control systems must comply with the Building Regulations.

Access control systems used on emergency exits must comply with either EN 179 or EN 1125. This is the default position for all access control systems on emergency exits.

**Q** When can an electrically controlled exit system in compliance with EN 13637 be used?

**A** The suitability of an EN 13637 compliant access control system shall be considered in relation to the fire risk assessment for the premises and the need for safe exit in emergency situations. The reasons for selecting an EN 13637 system shall be documented in the system design proposal and the as-fitted document.

An EN 13637 compliant access control system may be used in addition to an EN 179 or EN 1125 device. An EN 13637 compliant access control system may never be used instead of an EN 179 or EN 1125 device on an emergency exit.

**Q** Can I select products from different systems and/or different manufactures to install an EN 13637 access control system?

**A** You should always select an access control system where all elements have been tested as a combined system. If all the elements have not been tested together then the access control system cannot be certified to be compliant with EN 13637. The EN 13637 solution must be supported with a manufacturers declaration covering, control, activation and blocking.

**Q** The building owner/developer says their insurance insists on an emergency exit that has an EN 13637 system only?

**A** An insurance company, building owner, developer or any other entity cannot insist in a breach of building regulations. All emergency exits must comply with either EN 179 or EN 1125.

**Q** Can I be relieved of my obligations under building regulations by the owner of the premises?

**A** No. Where building regulations require certain conditions to be met this cannot be contravened.

**Q** How do I ensure that I don't break building regulations when repairing an access control system?

**A** If you are repairing or replacing elements of an existing access control system then you may replace like with like. The building regulations require that in existing buildings any repair must not result in a greater breach of the regulations.