



CERTIFICATION

This document can be used to ensure that your staff are reminded regularly to ensure they do not step over the line concerning the certificates they are mandated to issue

WHO CAN ISSUE WHAT:

SANS 1475 registered companies can only legally issue a certificate of compliance concerning service of equipment in terms of 1475 Parts 1 & 2.

Likewise SAQCC Detection & Gas are mandated to issue Commissioning Certification in terms of SANS 10139 and 14520 depending in which field, and grade they are registered.

Neither party can issue a certificate in the other ones field.

Also neither party can issue a certificate of compliance where the building protection is concerned. **This can only be issued by the Local Municipality, and mainly the fire department.**

The Local Municipality or the fire department cannot issue certificates in terms of SANS 1475, 10139, and 14520.

QUOTING CUSTOMERS:

This is far from basically following the Building Regulation SANS 10400, and there is much more to consider, and there for you must know the regulations in depth.

There is quite a few things you must consider:

- a. The risks involved in the place you are quoting, and to determine this you require to ask probing questions. One of the best ways to do this is obtain the MSDS material safety data sheets of the products involved.
- b. SANS 10400.
- c. Local By-Laws.
- d. Their insurance requirements.
- e. OHSAct

Clause 10 under OHSAct:

General duties of manufacturers and others regarding articles and substances for use at work

- (1) Any person who designs, manufactures, imports, sells or supplies any article for use at work shall ensure, **as far as is reasonably practicable, that the article is safe and without risks to health when properly used and that it complies with all prescribed requirements.**
- (2) Any person who erects or installs any article for use at work on or in any premises shall ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that nothing about the manner in which it is erected or installed makes it unsafe or creates a risk to health when properly used.
- (3) Any person who manufactures, imports, sells or supplies any substance for use at work shall-
 - (a) ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the substance is safe and without risks to health when properly used; and



- (b) take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that information is available with regard to the use of the substance at work, the risks to health and safety associated with such substance, the conditions necessary to ensure that the substance will be safe and without risks to health when properly used and the procedures to be followed in the case of an accident involving such substance.

Where a person designs, manufactures, imports, sells or supplies an article or substance for or to another person and that other person undertakes in writing to take specified steps sufficient to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the article or substance will comply with all prescribed requirements and will be safe and without risks to health when properly used, the undertaking shall have the effect of relieving the first mentioned person from the duty imposed upon him by this section to such an extent as may be reasonable having regard to the terms of the undertaking.

This section will be used against you if you install, supply, anything that comes in conflict with b, to e.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDARDS:

Everybody reads and understands information differently (interpretation). What I would understand in a statement you may see differently.

For Example:

SANS 1475-1 Annex F- F.2

Pressure Test intervals

The intervals are from the date of installation of the extinguisher but not later than one year after the date of manufacture marked on the body.

I interpret that as a method of stretching the pressure test cycle on from 5 or 10 years to 6 or 11 years. Do you understand it to mean the same as I or do read it and come to a different interpretation?

Is there another standard that would override that interpretation? Think about it.

When you quote your Customer:

Somewhere in you quote the following statements will be included:

In my (not the company) interpretation of the regulations (indicate the standards involved) you require the following.

Also must appear in some sort of format the following statement:

The recommendation given may not be your total requirements as the local municipality (fire department) may require further protection measures to be taken.

We as a Company pride ourselves by following the laws to the letter, and you as competent persons and sales staff must be fully aware and understand the requirement of all documents involved.

Unless you are mandated to issue a certificate of compliance in terms of your accreditation you will only issue that or those particular documents.

At no time will this company issue building compliance certificate.



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Presented By: Name: _____	Date _____	Signature _____
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