



Spec Check can save time and money

The need to ensure the correct specification of cables for major projects has reached a critical point as a series of new industry regulations and legislation come into force, and we are issuing a special BASEC Spec Check initiative to help installers and specifiers through this process.

With the implementation of the 17th Edition of the IEE Wiring Regulations also meaning design and specification changes for many types of installation, this is an especially important time in the industry. [More...](#)

Campaign focuses on rogue installers

A new initiative has been agreed between Part P Competent Person Schemes, including NICEIC, and local authorities to find a more effective way of dealing with rogue installers. Where NICEIC registered installers become aware of works being carried out by unregistered Part P installers, they can now pass that information directly to NICEIC. [More...](#)

Counterfeit initiative launched

BEAMA has joined forces with the EDA (Electrical Distributors Association), ECA (Electrical Contractors Association) and SELECT (Scotland's trade association for the electrical, electronics and communications systems industry) supported by online portal Voltimum to create a Charter in the fight to combat the 'trade' in counterfeits. See the new Voltimum microsite Counterfeit Kills at www.counterfeit-kills.co.uk and to see the dvd.



BSI introduces new drum handling standard

BSI has introduced a new standard for the Code of Practice for drum handling BS 8512: 2008 which covers storage, handling, installation and disposal of cables on wooden drums. [More...](#)

Jeremy spreads the word

BASEC Chief Executive Dr Jeremy Hodge (pictured right) has been out and about on the road talking to specifiers, installers and distributors from Swansea to India! His recent travelling on behalf of BASEC has included a presentation to the ECA Swansea and a trip to India to meet with various organisations.



Energy certificates reprieve

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG - the department responsible for implementing Energy Performance Certificates, EPCs) - has announced a transitional period for buildings already on the market from 6 April.

BS setting focus on the web

British Standards has established a new technical committee with responsibility for the development of a British Standard on web accessibility.

The standard will enable all types of organizations and individuals to commission and maintain websites which are accessible to all their potential audiences. [More...](#)



Register of Colours information

BASEC has recently made interim entries to the Register of colours of manufacturers' identification threads (PD 2379), with the addition of two new companies. Coloured threads may be used as an alternative origin identifier when a customer does not wish to have such markings on the cable sheath, such as in some military applications. The Tenth Edition of PD 2379 may still be purchased from [BSI Standards](#). Other companies wishing to request a colour code, or end users wishing to check updated entries may contact BASEC for assistance. BASEC has also recently published on the [BASEC website](#) the year threads colour code, for dates between 1950 and 2022.

Measuring equipment adds benefits

Beta Lasermike, manufacturer of high precision measuring equipment for cable manufacturing, has added a new range of length measuring products to its range. This allows tighter tolerances to be achieved on cable length, offering potential materials savings and a number of other benefits. They hold BASEC certification to ISO 9001:2000. [More...](#)



Events for your diary

18 June - The 17th Edition of the IEE Wiring Regulations including BS 7671: 2008, IET Glasgow - The 17th Edition comes into effect in early July 2008. The 17th Edition contains many more amendments over the 16th edition Wiring Regulations and this event will give delegates an overview on how these revisions will impact on end users, such as designers, installers, inspectors, and testers.

ECA & SELECT Annual Golf Tournament - Schneider Electric has announced the dates for the 2008 ECA and SELECT national golf tournament. Now in its 24th year, the competition is open to ECA and SELECT members and their electrical industry guests. It begins in May and continues through the summer months, with one-day regional events held in 12 top golfing locations throughout the UK & Ireland. A winning member and a winning guest from each region will then qualify for the National Final in September at Hawkstone Park Golf Club in Shropshire. Email: sophia.cooper@gb.schneider-electric.com

09 September - Climate Change Technologies, IET London - This event and the complementary one day event on Climate Change Technologies (CCT) will provide a unique overview and grounding for emerging processes, technologies and markets

16 October - CBI Manufacturing Dinner, ICC Birmingham - The CBI Manufacturing Dinner is one of the most important business event for manufacturers, their suppliers and advisors. The dinner brings the sector together to celebrate the crucial role manufacturing continues to play in the UK economy.