



Attn: Cable Distributors
Buying Groups
Electrical Wholesalers
Electrical Contractors

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Suspension of BASEC Licence and Recall of Cable Products – Atlas Kablo

The purpose of this letter is to provide traders and users of cable with information and advice about non-compliant cable in the marketplace made by Atlas Kablo. Atlas Kablo's product certification licence has been suspended by BASEC because of a serious decline in quality across their range of products. Affected cable has excessive conductor resistance (insufficient copper). BASEC advises that affected cable should not be sold or installed, and to seek advice if it has been installed.

Atlas Kablo has notified their customers, issued a letter of guidance and posted a list of affected batches of cable on the Atlas Kablo website: www.atlaskablo.com. Atlas Kablo has been required by BASEC to investigate and rectify the problem and to assist the market in locating and recovering affected product. Atlas Kablo has begun to make arrangements to recover cable through the supply chain for scrapping.

The cables affected by the suspension are: flat twin, single and 3-core with CPC (BS 6004 Table 8 and IS 201-4 Table I, 1.0sqmm – 16sqmm), single core unsheathed (BS 6004 Table 4a, 1.5sqmm – 35sqmm), single core sheathed (BS 6004 Table 7, 1.5 sqmm - 35 sqmm). The quantity of cable involved is 11,000,000m, and identified batches are production with a "2010" manufacturing date. Cable traders, wholesalers and contractors should check what cable they have in stock, quarantine affected cable and notify their supplier about recovery, or contact Atlas Kablo direct. Please note that all affected cables are marked with the manufacturer's identification "Atlas Kablo". No other BASEC approved manufacturer is involved.

Where affected cable has been installed, purchasers or contractors should check that the necessary electrical installation verification tests (e.g., R1+R2 / loop impedance) have been performed by a suitably qualified / competent electrician and that the results are in all aspects satisfactory. In the event of any performance concerns being raised, these should be further investigated by a suitably qualified / competent electrician or engineer to assess whether circuits are safe, or if protection needs enhancement or any cables replaced.

It is essential that this letter is passed on to appropriate contacts within your organisation and to relevant customers.

Yours sincerely,

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Further information about this may be obtained from BASEC at: technical@basec.org.uk, 01908 267300, or at www.basec.org.uk.