



Attn: Cable Distributors
Buying Groups
Electrical Wholesalers
Electrical Contractors

29 July 2010

Important Notice - Cancellation of BASEC Licence – Atlas Kablo

The purpose of this letter is to provide traders and users of cable with updated information about non-compliant cable made by Atlas Kablo. Atlas Kablo's product certification licence was suspended by BASEC on 17 May 2010 because of a serious decline in quality across their range of products. Following investigations by BASEC into the causes of the decline in quality, Atlas Kablo's product certification licence has been cancelled and the company no longer holds a BASEC product certification licence. As a consequence, the use of the BASEC registered trademarks in connection with cable produced by Atlas Kablo is no longer authorised and cable produced by Atlas Kablo bearing the BASEC registered trademarks should not be sold.

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. Cables affected by the cancellation 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).

Atlas Kablo has notified their customers, issued a letter of guidance, has posted a list of affected batches of cable on the Atlas Kablo website (www.atlaskablo.com) and made arrangements for the collection and scrapping of affected batches of cable. **Cable traders, wholesalers and contractors should check what cable they have in stock, quarantine affected cable and notify their supplier about recovery, or if necessary contact Atlas Kablo direct.** Please note that all affected cables are marked with the manufacturer's identification "Atlas Kablo" and identified batches are production with a "2010" manufacturing date. 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,

Dr Jeremy Hodge
Chief Executive

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