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### BAFE and NSI Award Landmark Third Party Certification

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**The National Security Inspectorate (NSI) and BAFE, the independent register of quality fire safety service providers, awarded the first ever Third Party Certificate of Approval and Registration to the new Kitchen Fire Protection Systems (SP206) Scheme at NSI's annual Summit, Birmingham on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The new scheme addresses the design, installation, commissioning, recharge and maintenance of kitchen fire protection systems (extinguishing/suppression systems). Adopting a rigorous Third Party Certification process the scheme assesses the competency of kitchen fire protection system providers from the design stage all the way through to periodic maintenance visits, evidenced by Certificates of Compliance.

The first company to achieve this new Third Party Certification (offering Ansul R-102 systems) via NSI and BAFE Registration is Abbot Fire Group, based in Buckingham, who are strong advocates of Third Party Certification. Founder Nigel Walton was awarded their certificates by Jonathan O'Neill OBE, FPA Managing Director, during the opening session of the Summit.

Mr. Walton commented: *"Third party certification is continuing to be an important factor in the fire safety industry. We are grateful to BAFE for establishing this scheme which allows us to demonstrate our skill and expertise in providing our kitchen fire system offerings. I am immensely proud of my hard working and diligent team that all helped earn this certification.*

*This is a combination of a two year development process and a personal campaign of mine as the industry requires Third Party Certification for kitchen system work to appropriately assess competency. My thanks go out to BAFE, NSI and the whole development team for this."*

Certification was also awarded at the Summit to Nobel Fire Systems, who manufacture, design and install their own K-Series systems for Kitchen Fire Protection.

Chris Auger, BAFE Schemes Manager stated: *"The NSI Summit is a great event to present this certification, with NSI being the first UKAS Accredited Certification Body to offer this scheme. We are confident the BAFE SP206 scheme represents the best levels of quality and service excellence to help reduce the risk of injury and increase property protection from commercial kitchen fires."*

NSI Head of Field Operations (Systems) John Davidson added: *"As the first certification body in the UK to be accredited by UKAS and licensed by BAFE to deliver the SP206 scheme we are delighted to announce these new approvals and look forward to more companies within the sector undergoing independent assessment. The overarching aim is to help duty-holders select competent contractors, and so reduce risk, raise standards and protect those who use and/or occupy premises housing commercial kitchens.*

*"NSI fully supports the drive for fire safety by BAFE, insurers and professional installers and we welcome the authority this scheme gives professional approved installers to issue operators of commercial kitchens with NSI/BAFE Certificates of Compliance as evidence their kitchen fire protection systems are fit for purpose."*

Both BAFE and NSI would like to congratulate Abbot Fire Group and Nobel Fire Systems on their certification and all those involved in the development of the BAFE SP206 Kitchen Fire Protection Systems Scheme including Dr Jim Glockling, RISC Authority Director and FPA Technical Director, who Chaired the group. For further information please



visit <https://www.bafe.org.uk/schemes/kitchen-fire-protection-systems> and <https://www.nsi.org.uk/our-services/our-schemes/kitchen-fire-protection-systems-scheme>

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#### **Photo Information (1)**

Nigel Walton of Abbot Fire Group (centre) is awarded his NSI and BAFE certificates. From L-R: Richard Jenkins (NSI Chief Executive), John Davidson (NSI Head of Field Operations Systems), Nigel Walton (Abbot Fire Group), Gary Hurst (NSI Auditor), Chris Auger, BAFE Schemes Manager.

#### **Photo Information (2)**

Andy Pickup of Nobel Fire Systems (centre) is awarded his NSI and BAFE certificates. From L-R: Richard Jenkins (NSI Chief Executive), John Davidson (NSI Head of Field Operations Systems), Andy Pickup (Nobel Fire Systems), Gary Hurst (NSI Auditor), Chris Auger, BAFE Schemes Manager.

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##### **BAFE Kitchen Fire Protection Systems (SP206)**

<https://www.bafe.org.uk/schemes/kitchen-fire-protection-systems>

<https://www.nsi.org.uk/our-services/our-schemes/kitchen-fire-protection-systems-scheme>

##### **BAFE Fire Safety Register**

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