



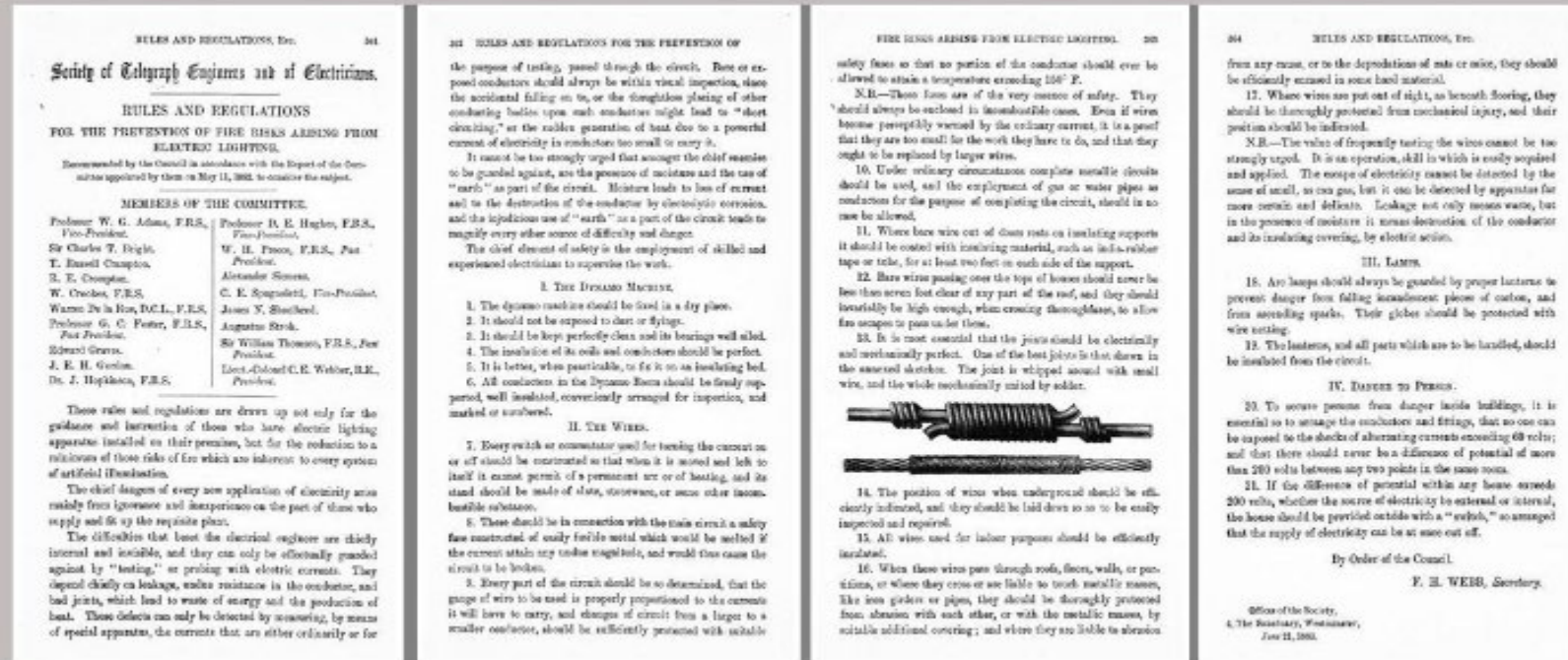
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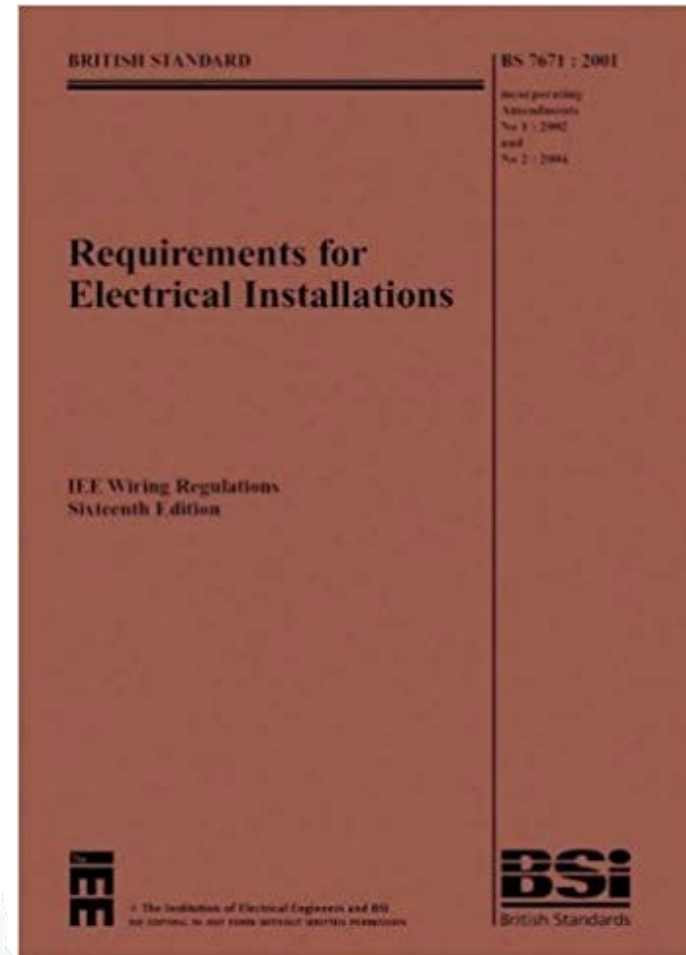
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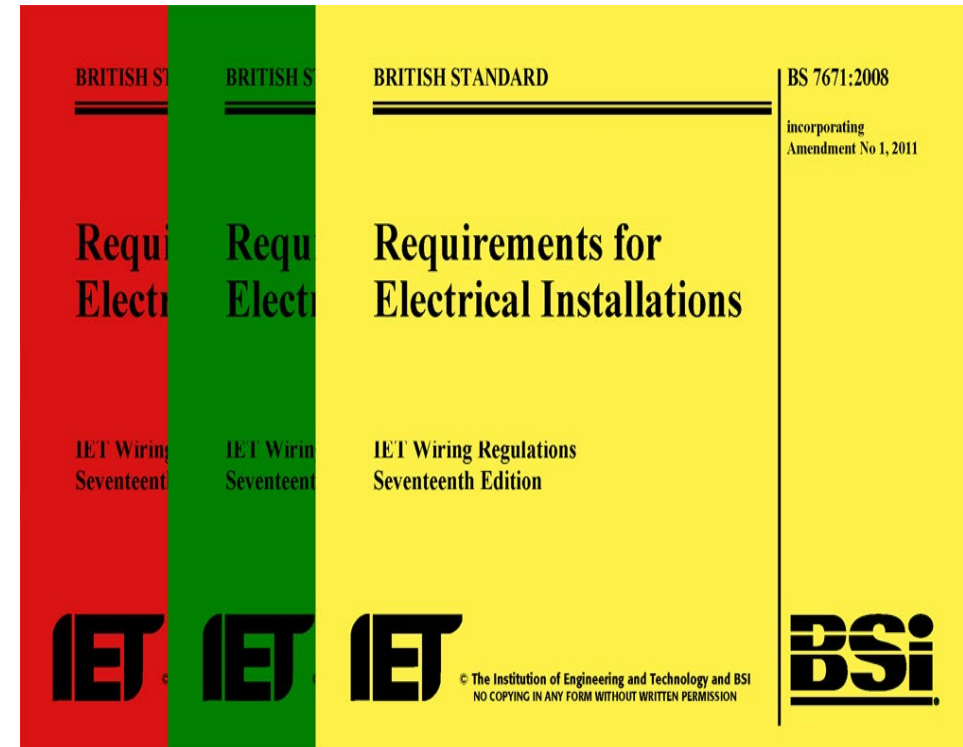
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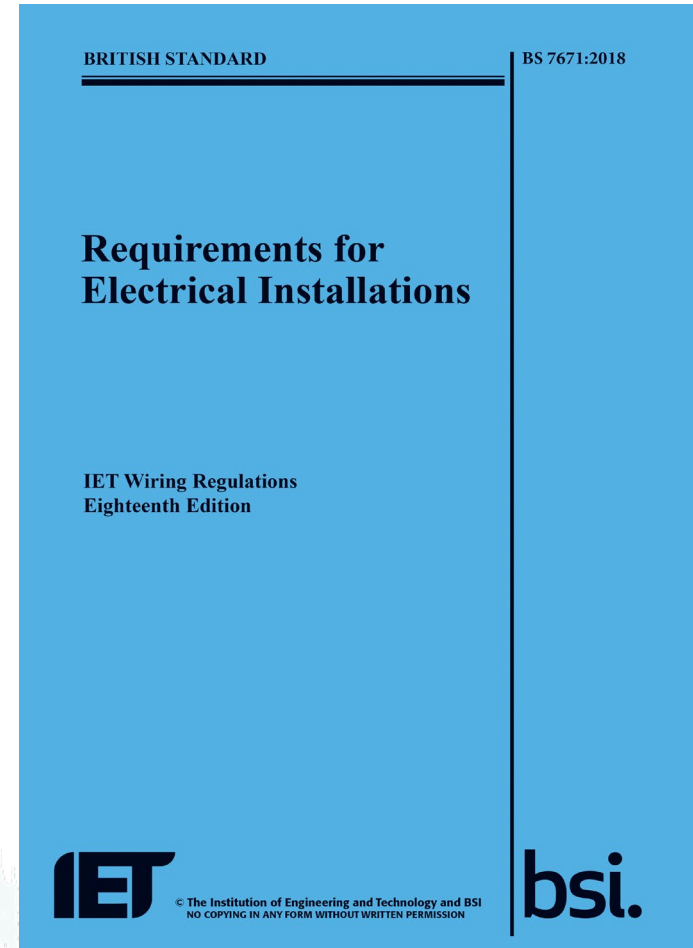
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- **Issued 2018**
- **560 pages**
- **Now contains over 1300 regulations**
- **When will it be amended ?**



# INTRODUCTION

- **What** is BS 7671
- **How** is BS 7671 applied
- **Why** does it need to be changed
- **When** does it need to be changed

# BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The route to standardisation



## BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

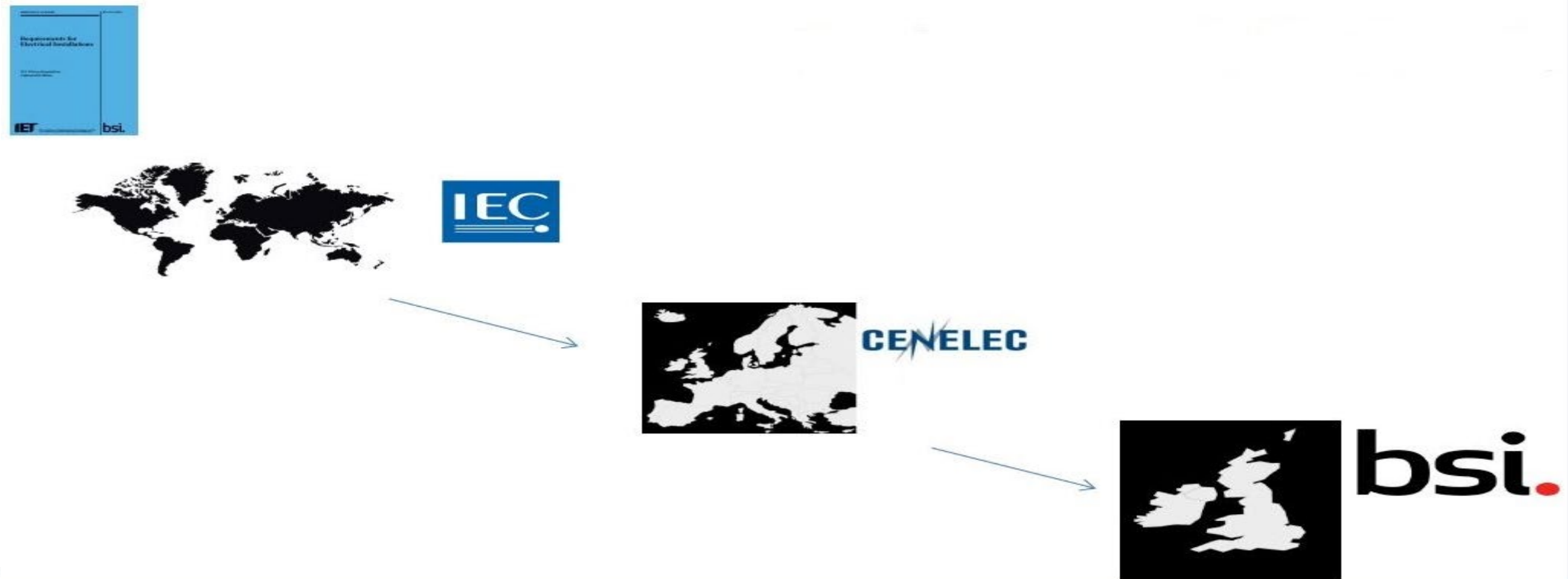
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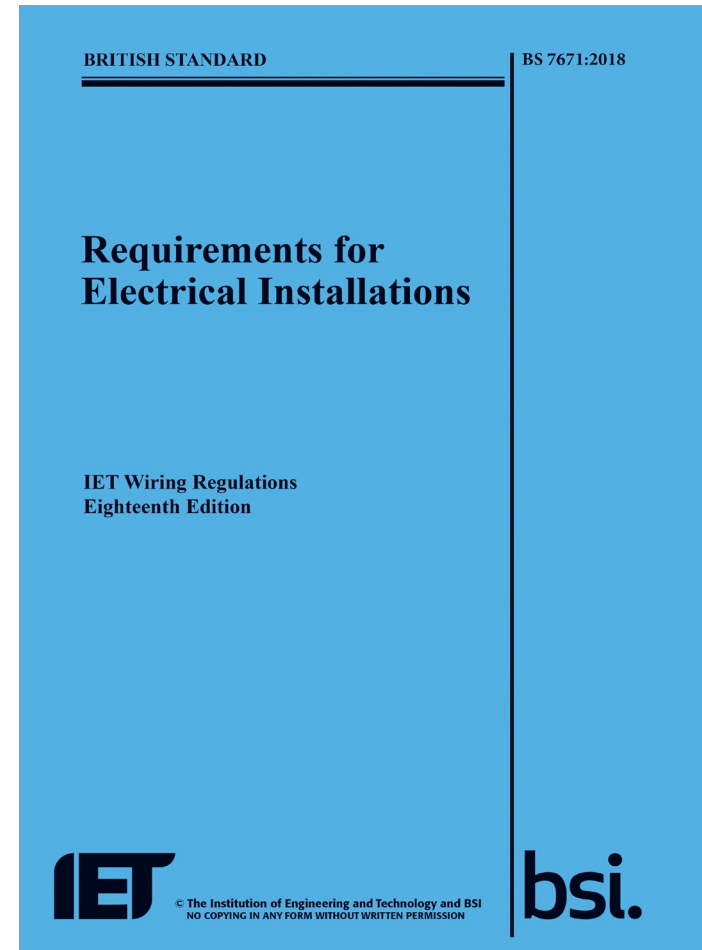
# BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

## The route to standardisation – Post Brexit



# IMPORTANT DATES

- **BS 7671 new edition available for purchase 1st July 2018**
- **PHSC embarking on full 18<sup>th</sup> Edition training programme for all technical personnel**
- **Full implementation by the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**



## SCOPE ( WHAT'S INCLUDED )

- (i) residential premises**
- (ii) commercial premises**
- (iii) public premises**
- (iv) industrial premises**
- (v) prefabricated buildings**
- (vi) low voltage generating sets**
- (vii) highway equipment and street furniture**
- (viii) locations containing a bath or shower**
- (ix) swimming pools and other basins**
- (x) rooms and cabins containing sauna heaters**

## SCOPE ( WHAT'S INCLUDED CONTINUED)

- (xi) construction and demolition sites**
- (xii) agricultural and horticultural premises**
- (xiii) conducting locations with restricted movement**
- (xiv) caravan / camping parks and similar locations**
- (xv) marinas and similar locations**
- (xvi) medical locations**
- (xvii) exhibitions, shows and stands**
- (xviii) solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems**
- (xix) outdoor lighting**
- (xx) extra-low voltage lighting**

## SCOPE ( WHAT'S INCLUDED CONTINUED)

**(xxi) mobile or transportable units**

**(xxii) caravans and motor caravans**

**(xxiii) electric vehicle charging**

**(xxv) temporary installations for structures, amusement devices and booths at fairgrounds, amusement parks and circuses including professional stage and broadcast applications**

**(xxvi) floor and ceiling heating systems**

**(xxvii) onshore units of electrical shore connections for inland navigation vessels.**

## SCOPE ( WHAT'S EXCLUDED )

- (i) Systems for the distribution of electricity to the public ( ESQCR )**
- (ii) Railway traction equipment, rolling stock and signalling equipment**
- (iii) Equipment of motor vehicles, except those to which the requirements of the Regulations concerning caravans or mobile units are applicable**
- (iv) Equipment on board ships covered by BS 8450, BS EN 60092-507, BS EN ISO 13297 or BS EN ISO 10133**
- (v) Equipment of mobile and fixed offshore installations**
- (vi) Equipment of aircraft**
- (vii) Those aspects of mines specifically covered by Statutory Regulations**

## SCOPE ( WHAT'S EXCLUDED CONTINUED )

**(viii) Radio interference suppression equipment, except so far as it affects safety of the electrical installation**

**(ix) Lightning protection systems for buildings and structures covered by BS EN 62305**

**(x) Those aspects of lift installations covered by relevant parts of BS 5655 and BS EN 81 and those aspects of escalator or moving walk installations covered by relevant parts of BS 5656 and BS EN 115**

**(xi) Electrical equipment of machines covered by BS EN 60204**

**(xii) Electric fences covered by BS EN 60335-2-76**

**(xiii) The DC side of cathodic protection systems complying with the relevant part(s) of BS EN ISO 12696, BS EN 12954, BS EN ISO 13174, BS EN 13636 and BS EN 14505.**

## PART 2 - DEFINITIONS

- **Competent Person has been deleted (Am3)**
  - “A person who possesses sufficient technical knowledge, relevant practical skills and experience for the nature of the electrical work undertaken and is able at all times to prevent danger and, where appropriate, injury to him/herself and others.”
- **Instructed Person (electrically) has been amended (Am3)**
  - “Person adequately advised or supervised by a skilled person (as defined) to enable that person to perceive risks and to avoid hazards which electricity can create.”



## PART 2 - DEFINITIONS

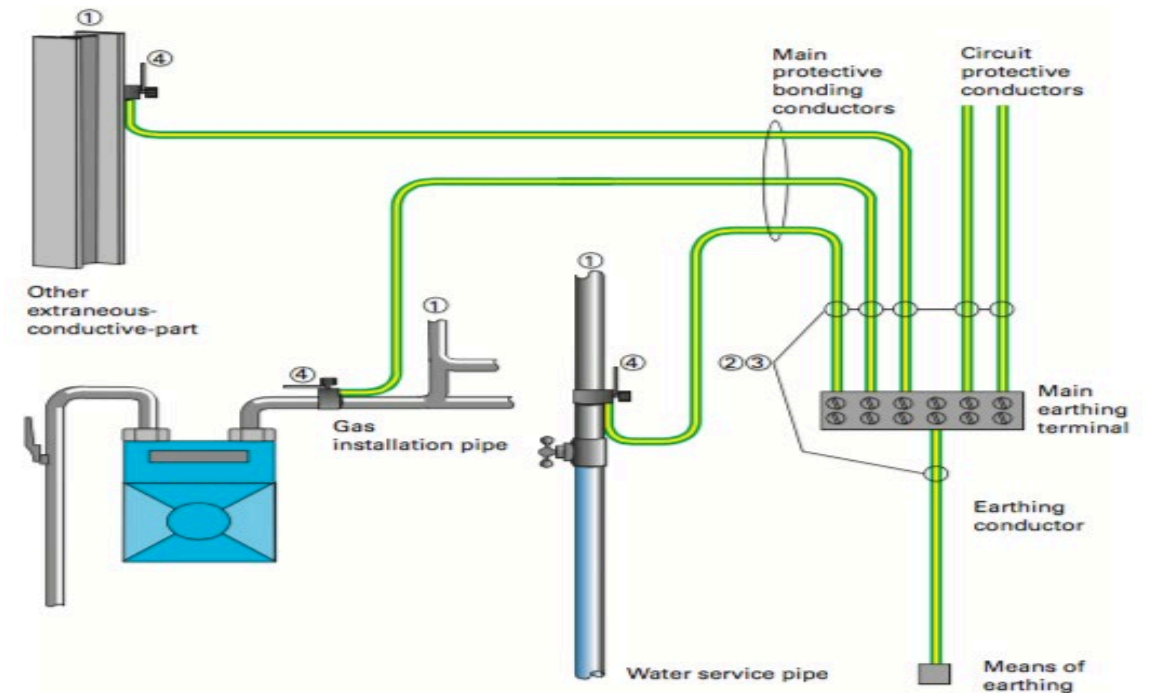
- Skilled Person (electrically) has been amended (Am3)
  - “Person who possesses, as appropriate to the nature of the electrical work to be undertaken, adequate education, training and practical skills, and who is able to perceive risks and avoid hazards which electricity can create.”
- Ordinary Person – no change
  - “Person who is neither a skilled person nor an instructed person.”

# CHAPTER 41 – PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK

## Protective equipotential bonding

Protective equipotential bonding now states that: “metallic pipes entering the building having an insulating section at their point of entry need not be connected to the protective equipotential bonding.”

Reduction in installation work and testing as these connections are no longer required.



- ① All incoming non-electrical services and other extraneous-conductive-parts bonded
- ② Csa of all protective conductors adequate
- ③ Protective conductors identified by the colours green-and-yellow
- ④ Warning notices

**An example of main equipotential bonding**

# CHAPTER 41 – PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK

## Automatic disconnection in case of a fault

Regulation **411.3.2.2** previously stated that 230V AC final circuits with a rating not exceeding 32 A must disconnect within **0.4s**. This will now be increased to **63 A** (provided the circuit contains one or more socket outlets) and **32 A** where the circuit supplies only fixed connected current equipment.



Final circuits rated up to **63 Amps** will now have to disconnect in **0.4 seconds** instead of the previous **5 seconds**.

# CHAPTER 41 – PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK

## Additional requirements for socket-outlets and for the supply of mobile equipment for use outdoors

Regulation 411.3.3 will now be referred to as **Additional Requirements** and not **Additional Protection** as previously recorded

There is now a requirement that, in AC systems, all socket-outlets with a current rating not exceeding **32 A (previously 20 A)**, and **mobile equipment** with a rating not exceeding 32 A **for use outdoors**, must be provided with additional protection by means of an RCD, with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA.



# CHAPTER 41 – PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK

Regulation 411.3.3 ( continued )

## **Additional requirements for socket-outlets and for the supply of mobile equipment for use outdoors**

The exemption referring to the omission of Additional Protection by the use of an RCD where socket-outlets have been specifically labelled, states that RCD protection is not necessary, **has now been deleted.**

The increase in the maximum rating for the sockets system from 20A to 32 A, An Exception is permitted where A Risk Assessment is performed, this should involve an appropriately electrically skilled person, labelling of the socket outlet has been removed.

## PART 5 – SELECTION & ERECTION OF EQUIPMENT

514.12.2 – The RCD notice now needs to be fixed in a prominent position at or near each RCD in the installation. Furthermore, the wording has changed to reflect six-monthly testing of the device.

This installation, or part of it, is protected by a device which automatically switches off the supply if an earth fault develops. Test six-monthly by pressing the button marked 'T' or 'Test'. The device should switch off the supply and should then be switched on to restore the supply. If the device does not switch off the supply when the button is pressed, seek expert advice.

# CHAPTER 41 – PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK

## Additional requirements for circuits with luminaires

A new regulation (411.3.4) requires all AC final circuits supplying luminaires within **domestic premises** to be provided with Additional Protection by means of an RCD with a rating not exceeding 30 mA.

Increased cost as all lighting circuits within domestic properties will need to be RCD protected.

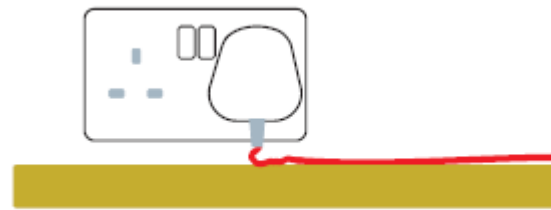
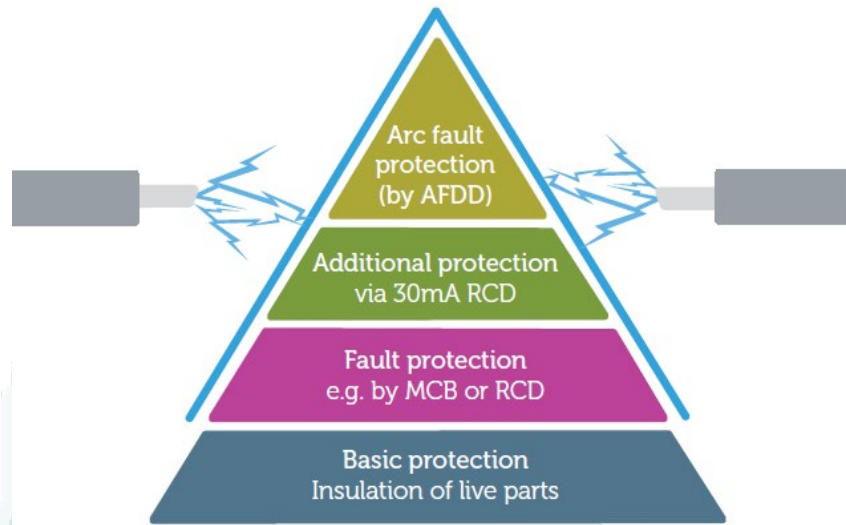
This may lead to nuisance tripping if the luminaires have incandescent lamps installed and an earth fault occurs



# CHAPTER 42 – PROTECTION AGAINST THERMAL EFFECTS

Regulation 421.1.7 has been introduced **recommending** the installation of arc fault detection devices (**AFDD**) in AC final circuits to mitigate the risk of fire in final circuits of a fixed installation due to the effect of arc fault currents.

An AFDD unit will take-up more space and therefore a bigger or additional enclosure **MAY** be required to be installed.





# CHAPTER 42 – PROTECTION AGAINST THERMAL EFFECTS CONTINUED

Examples of where such devices can be used include:

- Premises with sleeping accommodation
- Locations with a risk of fire due to the nature of materials
- Woodworking shops, stores of combustible materials
- Locations with combustible constructional materials
- Fire propagating structures, i.e. CB2 locations
- Locations with endangering of irreplaceable goods



# CHAPTER 44 – PROTECTION AGAINST VOLTAGE DISTURBANCE AND ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES

## Protection against transient overvoltage of atmospheric origin or due to switching

### Section 443

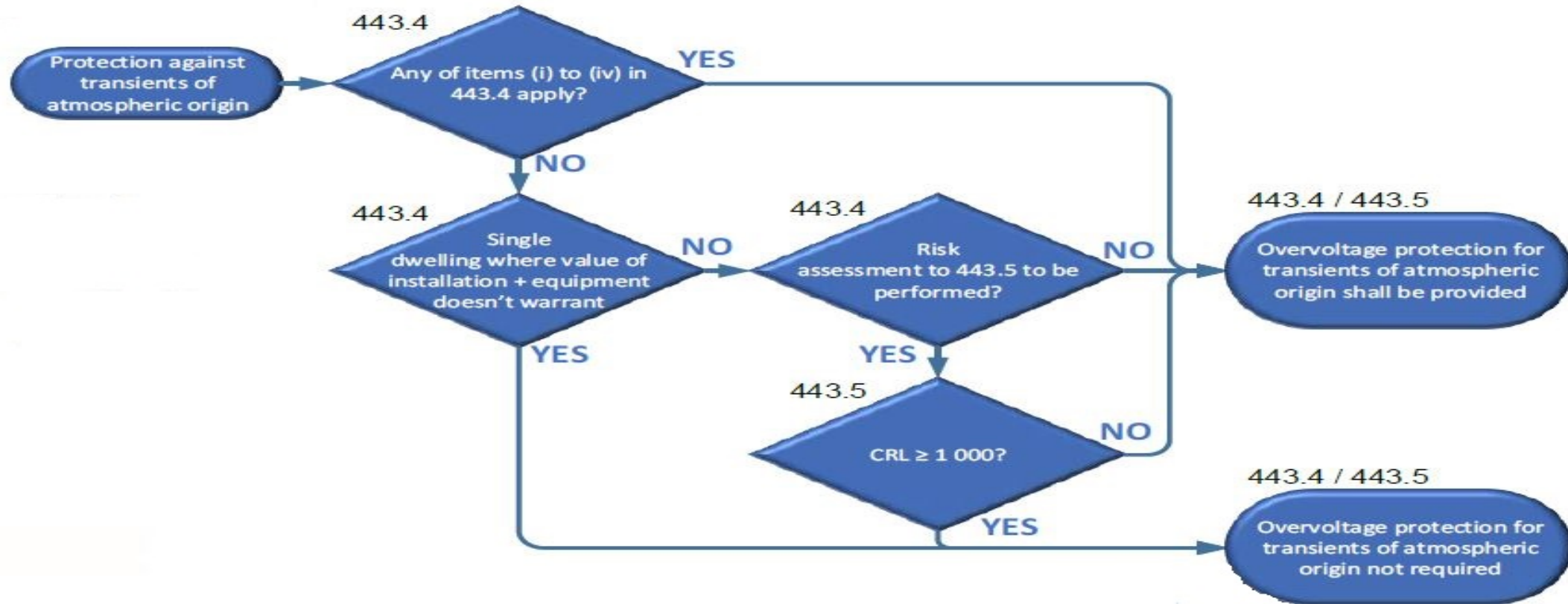
The AQ criteria (conditions of external influence for lightning) for determining if protection against transient overvoltage's is needed are no longer included in BS 7671.

Instead, protection against transient overvoltage has to be provided where the consequence caused by overvoltage affects human life, public services and cultural heritage, and commercial or industrial activity.

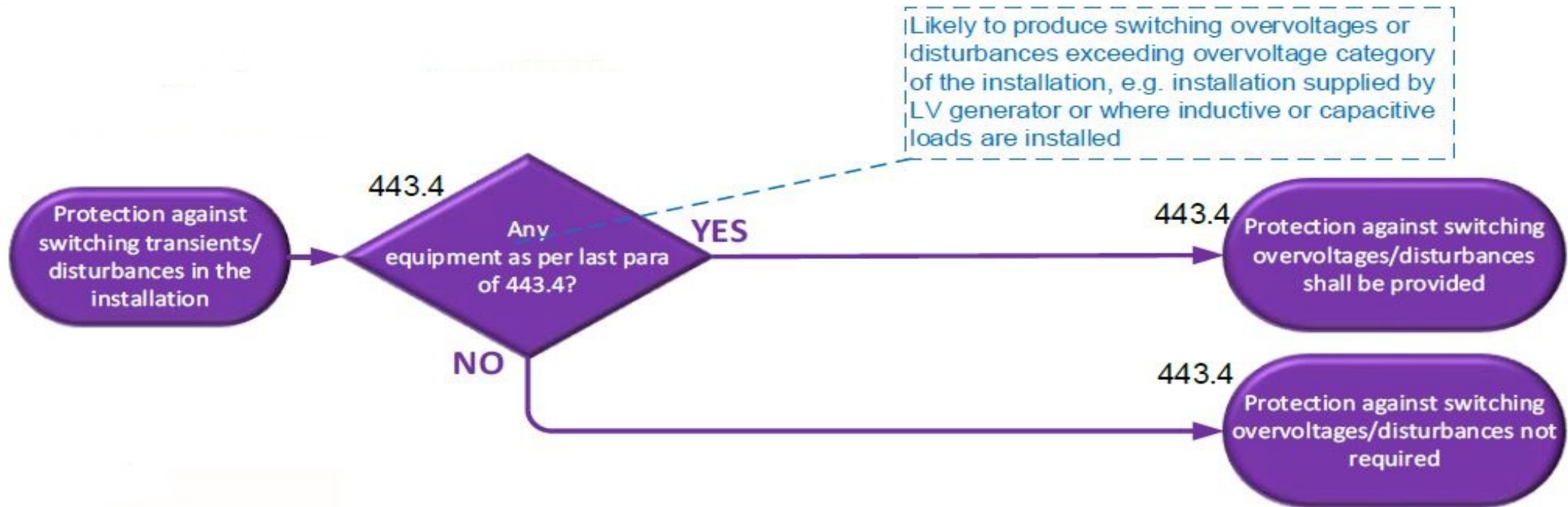


443.5 now states Risk assessments will be needed to determine if protection against transient overvoltage is required.

# DO I NEED SURGE PROTECTION DEVICES FOR LIGHTNING?



# DO I NEED SURGE PROTECTION DEVICES FOR SWITCHING AND SIMILAR TRANSIENTS?



# SECTION 534 - DEVICES FOR PROTECTION AGAINST OVERVOLTAGE

## Devices for protection against overvoltage

This Section focuses mainly on the requirements for the selection and erection of Surge Protection Devices (**SPDs**) for protection against transient overvoltage's where required by Section 443, the BS EN 62305 series, or as otherwise stated.

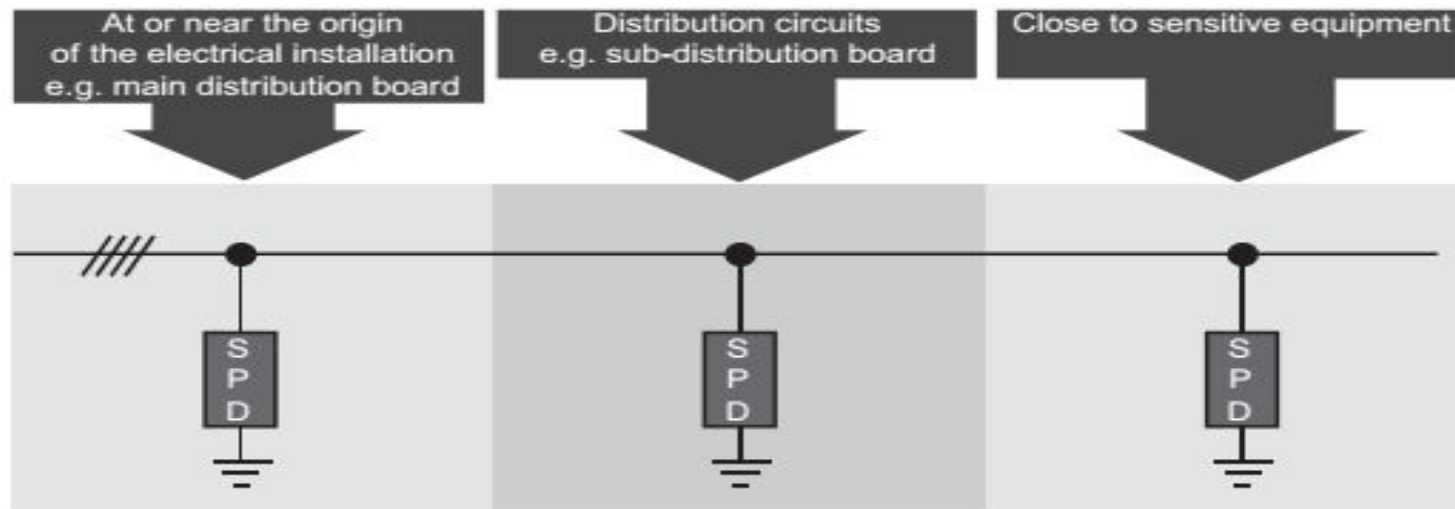
Section 534 has been completely revised. The most significant technical change refers to the selection requirements for the voltage protection level.



# SECTION 534 - DEVICES FOR PROTECTION AGAINST OVERVOLTAGE

## 534.4.1 – Type & Location of SPDs

**Fig 534.2 – Example of installation of Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3 SPDs**



Type 1 SPD  
and/or  
Type 2 SPD

Type 2 SPD  
or  
Type 3 SPD

Type 2 SPD  
or  
Type 3 SPD

## WIRING IN ESCAPE ROUTES

Cable and trunking entanglement is a serious hazard when fighting fires and has caused 8 Firefighter deaths to date:

- 2005: 2 Firefighter deaths in Stevenage – the Coroner stated that cabling & trunking contributed to the deaths (Rule 43)
- 2007: 4 Firefighter deaths in Warwickshire – “trunking was a factor”
- 2009: 2 Firefighter deaths in Southampton – Coroner reiterates Rule 43 from 2005



# CHAPTER 52- SELECTION AND ERECTION OF WIRING SYSTEMS

## Installation of cables

Regulation **521.10.202**. will replace 521.11.201

The requirement now is that wiring systems should be supported so that they will not be subject to premature collapse in the event of a fire. This requirement now applies to the **whole of the installation** not just the escape routes.

An additional note has been included recommending the use of steel or copper clips, saddles or ties that will meet the requirements of this regulation.

No change for PHS compliance with regard to how this is reported on an EICR





## PART 6 : INSPECTION AND TESTING

Part 6 has been completely restructured including renumbering to align with the CENELEC standard.

Location	Title	What happened?
CHAPTER 61	NOT USED	Content moved to Section 641
CHAPTER 62	NOT USED	Content moved to Chapter 65
CHAPTER 63	NOT USED	Content moved to Section 644
CHAPTER 64	INITIAL VERIFICATION	Was Chapter 61
Section 641	GENERAL	Was Section 610
Section 642	INSPECTION	Was Section 611
Section 643	TESTING	Was Section 612
Section 644	CERTIFICATION FOR INITIAL VERIFICATION	Was Section 632
CHAPTER 65	PERIODIC INSPECTION AND TESTING	Was Chapter 62
Section 651	GENERAL	Was Section 621
Section 652	FREQUENCY OF PERIODIC INSPECTION AND TESTING	Was Section 622
Section 653	REPORTING FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION AND TESTING	Was Chapter 63

## PART 7 SPECIAL LOCATIONS

**701 Locations containing a bath or shower**

**702 Swimming pools and other basins**

**703 Rooms and cabins containing sauna heaters**

**704 Construction and demolition site installations ( A number of small changes)**

**705 Agricultural and horticultural premises**

**706 Conducting locations with restricted movement**

**708 Electrical installations in caravan/camping parks and similar locations ( A number of changes )**

**709 Marinas and similar locations**

**710 Medical locations ( A number of small changes )**

**711 Exhibitions, shows and stands**

## PART 7 SPECIAL LOCATIONS

**712 Solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems**

**714 Outdoor lighting installations**

**715 Extra-low voltage lighting installations ( Minor changes )**

**717 Mobile or transportable units**

**721 Electrical installations in caravans and motor caravans ( A number of changes )**

**722 Electric vehicle charging installations ( This contains significant changes )**

**729 Operating and maintenance gangways**

**730 Onshore units of electrical shore connections for inland navigation vessels ( New section )**

**740 Temporary electrical installations for structures**

**753 Heating cables and embedded heating systems ( Completely revised )**

# PART 7 : ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INSTALLATIONS

## Section 722

- This section contains significant changes to Regulation 722.411.4.1 concerning the use of a PME supply.
- The exception concerning reasonably practicable has been deleted.
- Changes have also been made to requirements for external influences, RCDs, socket outlets and connectors.



# SECTION 730 – ONSHORE UNITS OF ELECTRICAL SHORE CONNECTIONS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

**730.1** - The particular requirements of this section apply to onshore installations dedicated to the supply of inland navigation vessels for commercial and administrative purposes, berthed in ports and berths.

New section (18<sup>th</sup>).

There are many similarities with Section 709 Marinas however, there are differences because of the lower power rating of vessels.



## SECTION 753 – HEATING CABLES & EMBEDDED HEATING SYSTEMS

753.1 - This section applies to embedded electric heating systems for surface heating. It also applies to electric heating systems for de-icing, frost prevention and similar applications. Both indoor and outdoor systems are covered.

Heating systems for industrial and commercial applications complying with relevant parts of BS EN 60519, BS EN 62395 and BS EN 60079 are not covered.  
Time-delayed RCDs are no longer to be used (753.415.1)



# APPENDIX 6 - MODEL FORMS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE

## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE (REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS - BS 7671 [IET WIRING REGULATIONS])

Main Switch / Switch-Fuse / Circuit-Breaker / RCD		
Location .....	Current rating ..... A	If RCD main switch
.....	Fuse / device rating or setting ..... A	Rated residual operating current ( $I_{\Delta n}$ ) ..... mA
BS(EN) .....	Voltage rating ..... V	Rated time delay ..... ms
No of poles .....		Measured operating time ..... ms

Main Switch / Switch-Fuse / Circuit-Breaker / RCD		
Location .....	Current rating ..... A	If RCD main switch
<b>BS 7671:2008+A3:2015</b>	Fuse / device rating or setting ..... A	Rated residual operating current ( $I_{\Delta n}$ ) ..... mA
BS(EN) .....	Voltage rating ..... V	Rated time delay ..... ms
No of poles .....		Measured operating time (at $I_{\Delta n}$ ) ..... ms

# APPENDIX 6 - MODEL FORMS MINOR WORKS CERTIFICATE

## MINOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORKS CERTIFICATE

(REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS - BS 7671 [IET WIRING REGULATIONS])

To be used only for minor electrical work which does not include the provision of a new circuit

### PART 4: Test results for the circuit altered or extended (where relevant and practicable)

Protective conductor continuity:  $R_1 + R_2$  .....  $\Omega$  or  $R_2$  .....  $\Omega$

Continuity of ring final circuit conductors: L/L .....  $\Omega$  N/N .....  $\Omega$  cpc/cpc .....  $\Omega$

Insulation resistance: Live - Live .....  $M\Omega$  Live - Earth .....  $M\Omega$

Polarity satisfactory:  Maximum measured earth fault loop impedance:  $Z_s$  .....  $\Omega$

RCD operation: Rated residual operating current ( $I_{\Delta n}$ ) ..... mA

Disconnection time ..... ms

Satisfactory test button operation



# APPENDIX 6 - MODEL FORMS

## GENERIC SCHEDULE OF TEST RESULTS

DB reference no ..... Location ..... $Z_s$ at DB ( $\Omega$ ) ..... $I_{pr}$ at DB (kA) ..... Correct supply polarity confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Phase sequence confirmed (where appropriate) <input type="checkbox"/>		Details of circuits and/or installed equipment vulnerable to damage when testing ..... ..... .....							Details of test instruments used (state serial and/or asset numbers) Continuity ..... Insulation resistance ..... Earth fault loop impedance ..... RCD ..... Earth electrode resistance .....																
Tested by: Name (Capitals) ..... Signature ..... Date .....											<b>Test results</b>														
<b>Circuit details</b>											Ring final circuit continuity ( $\Omega$ )		Continuity ( $\Omega$ ) ( $R_1 + R_2$ or $R_2$ )		<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px;">           Insulation Resistance            Test Voltage            V         </div>		Insulation Resistance (M $\Omega$ )		Polarity	$Z_s$ ( $\Omega$ )	RCD		AFDD	Remarks (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)	
Circuit number <small>1</small>	Circuit Description <small>2</small>	Protective device						Conductor details			<small>12</small> $r_1$ (line)	<small>13</small> $r_n$ (neutral)	<small>14</small> $r_2$ (cpc)	<small>15</small> ( $R_1 + R_2$ )	<small>16</small> $R_2$	<small>17</small> V	<small>18</small> Live - Live	<small>19</small> Live - Earth	<small>20</small> Polarity	<small>21</small> Maximum measured $Z_s$	<small>22</small> Disconnection time (ms)	<small>23</small> RCD test button operation	<small>24</small> Manual AFDD test button operation	<small>25</small>	
		<small>3</small> BS (EN)	<small>4</small> type	<small>5</small> rating (A)	<small>6</small> breaking capacity (kA)	<small>7</small> RCD $I_{\Delta n}$ (mA)	<small>8</small> Maximum permitted $Z_s$ ( $\Omega$ )	<small>9</small> Reference Method	<small>10</small> Live (mm <sup>2</sup> )	<small>11</small> cpc (mm <sup>2</sup> )															



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# CHANGES TO OTHER APPENDICES

**The following changes have been made within the appendices:**

**Appendix 1 British Standards** to which reference is made in the Regulations includes minor changes.

**Appendix 3 Time/current characteristics of overcurrent protective devices and RCDs**

The contents of Appendix 14 concerning earth fault loop impedance have been moved into Appendix 3.

**Appendix 7 (informative) Harmonized cable core colours**

This Appendix includes only minor changes.

## CHANGES TO OTHER APPENDICES ( CONTINUED)

**The follow main changes have been made within the appendices:**

### **Appendix 8 Current carrying capacity and voltage drop**

This Appendix includes changes regarding rating factors for current-carrying capacity.

### **Appendix 14 Determination of prospective fault current**

The contents of Appendix 14 concerning earth fault loop impedance have been moved into Appendix 3. Appendix 14 now contains information on determination of prospective fault current.

### **Appendix 17**

The new part 8 energy efficiency.

# PART 8-ENERGY EFFICIENCY?



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