



Statement regarding Fire Blankets supplied by Sentura Group

23rd July 2015

Sentura Group have been notified by a customer, UTC Buildings & Industrial Systems, that they have safety concerns regarding fire blankets supplied by Sentura Group under the Sentura Group brands Homesaver and Fire Depot. They report that a small sample of Fire Blankets supplied to them by Sentura failed a fire extinguishing performance test conducted in accordance with Clause 4 of BS EN 1869:1997.

As these results are inconsistent with the results of audit tests for BSI approval purposes, and with recent independent testing commissioned by Sentura which demonstrated that K30 and K100 blankets successfully extinguished oil pan fires in accordance with Clause 4 of BS EN 1869:1997, we are actively investigating the results of the failed testing reported by our customer. We are currently awaiting significant additional information from the customer regarding the samples, methodology and results which were used and obtained in the testing. The safety of our products is our top priority and we continually monitor the characteristics and performance of our products.

These products are Kitemark approved to BSEN1869:1997 and we have informed BSI of the customer's reported test failure. BSI have confirmed that the K30 and K100 products are to remain listed on the BSI Kitemark Directory as approved and certified products under the Kitemark scheme and are recommending no further course of action at this stage. Sentura is working closely with BSI in our continuing investigation.

No Sentura products have been implicated in the corrective action program for Fire Blankets instituted in the Netherlands, nor cited on RAPEX.

Sentura are committed to providing our customers with fire blankets of the highest standard and are very confident in the safety performance of the Fire Blankets in issue.

We shall issue a further statement as soon as our investigations are complete. In the meantime, should you have any questions related to this communication, please contact our QA Manager, Richard Graham or Sales Manager, Sam Lindsell on 0330 999 2233.