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<u>ASFP to offer three new member benefits</u> in conjunction with BSI

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The <u>Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP)</u> has signed a series of agreements with the British Standards Institution (BSI), the national standards body of the UK.

Under the agreements, the ASFP is able to offer British standards for sale at discounted rates to members, free standards to SME members and free onboarding to the BSI's new Identify Scheme.

The new benefits include:

- ASFP will offer BS, BS EN and ISO standards to members at discounted rates (up to 30% off), providing them with access to all the standards they need at an affordable price. The standards can be purchased via the Association's online shop as either hard copies or as pdf downloads.
- 2. As part of a Government scheme to support SMEs (small to medium size enterprises), the Association will offer a range of up to 100 passive fire-related standards free of charge to qualifying ASFP members. The range available reflects those of most interest to the passive fire protection community, as well as helping member companies with their company quality assurance by offering BS EN ISO 17025 and BS EN ISO 9001 quality management standards.
- 3. ASFP members can also receive free on-boarding to the BSI Identify Scheme, which aims to bring transparency and product traceability throughout the built environment supply chain. This new BSI service harnesses Digital Object Identifier (DOI) technology to deliver a unique, constant, and interoperable identifier, called a BSI UPIN, which can be assigned to products. It helps UK manufacturers to directly manage information about their products in the supply chain, providing a persistent record of each product throughout its life cycle, from manufacture, specification, procurement, installation, to de-commissioning or reuse.



These new services form part of the ASFP Hub, which offers a wide range of discounts, free support and advice to all ASFP members. There is a huge range of benefits to be found, catering to member companies and their employees. These benefits range from free affiliate membership of Make UK, to membership discounts from CHAS and Barbour ABI.

ASFP CEO Steve Davies declared: "The ASFP offers a wide range of training, technical and support services for members which form our core membership offering. These additional benefits aim to provide an enhancement to our services, making ASFP membership yet more rewarding and resulting in significant savings for members.

"Our new agreements with BSI ensure that ASFP member companies of all sizes can access all BS, BS EN and ISO standards at an affordable price, while ASFP SME member companies can obtain access to essential fire safety standards free of charge. This initiative, along with the BSI Identify Scheme offering, aims to help educate our members and further improve the quality of the passive fire protection products and services they can offer. This will further enhance recognition of the professionalism and competence of ASFP members throughout the construction industry."

For further information on ASFP member benefits, including BSI standards offering visit HERE