

FSSC



Annual Report 2010

Scope

1. To advise the NSAI with regard to Irish Standards and Codes of Practice concerning all aspects of fire safety including Passive Fire Protection, Active Fire Protection, Fire Service Equipment and Fire Safety of Furniture & Fittings and to make recommendations as required.
2. To draft appropriate documentation including Standards, Codes of Practice, Amendments and Safety Recommendations as necessary.
3. To ensure that interested parties are consulted in the drafting of these standards and codes of practice.
4. To liaise with similar bodies in other EU countries and in particular CEN (European Committee for Standardisation) and ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation).
5. To advise NSAI on how to vote on draft European and International Standards.

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1. Introduction

The Fire Safety Standards Committee (FSSC) is a consultative committee of the NSAI set up to advise on what standards and codes of practice are necessary for products and processes in all aspects of fire safety. All relevant CEN & ISO committee work is monitored and, where necessary, comments are submitted by the FSSC on behalf of the NSAI. The various Irish Standards relevant to the FSSC are updated when new European Norms come from CEN and ISO or every five years. The development of these standards is largely done by industry itself with the assistance of the authorities whose role it is to represent public interest. This process provides for the identification of potential hazards and workable solutions

2. Membership

Chairman: Mr. Michael Slattery

Secretary: Fran Mackey

Membership: The membership (approximately 36 in all) is drawn from representatives of:

- Fire Authorities
- Government Departments such as the Department of Environment
- NSAI
- Consultants
- Manufacturers

Sub Committees :

- AG1 (Advisory Group 1) – Passive Fire Protection.
- AG2 – Fire Alarms
- AG3 – Fire Service
- AG4 – Fire Safety of Furniture/Textiles
- AG5 – Emergency lighting

The membership list is;

Frank Barry, John Barry, Brian Bourke, Stephen Brady, Vincent Carrigy, Tom English, John Fitzsimons, Brendan Kavanagh, Michael Slattery, Conor Clarke, Paul Condron, Dermot Griffin, Brendan Kavanagh, Frank Pierce, John Crotty, Alec Feldman, David Fleming, Collette O'Sullivan, Peter McCabe, Tony McCarthy, Rory McCarthy, Damien O'Reilly, Seamus Dolan, David Deane, Declan Holmes, Michael Moran, Gearoid McKenna, David Reid, Eamon Woulfe, Deirdre Hazley, John Egan, Peter Barry, Michael Brennan, Derek McKeever, Joe Walsh, Derek Waters.

3. Highlights

AG5 Emergency Lighting Group commenced work on the revision of I.S. 3217. A number of new experts were recruited to the committee to assist in the process.

AG2 Fire Alarms Group continued with the revision of I.S. 3218 and again a number of new members were recruited.

4. Committee Meetings

The following meetings of the FSSC and subgroups were held during the year.

Group	Number of meetings
FSSC	1
AG2 Fire Alarms	9
AG3 Fire Service	1
AG5 Emergency Lighting	7

5. Participation

Attendance at meetings was very good during the year and members are showing great enthusiasm for the work to be done.

I attended a CEN TC 72 Meeting in October which proved very informative for me and the AG2 Group.