

Disclaimer

It is a requirement of the regulatory reform order 2005 to employ only competent people to install fire stopping products.

This product states, *"The responsible person must nominate competent persons to implement those measures and ensure that the number of such persons, their training and the equipment available to them are adequate, taking into account the size of, and the specific hazards involved in the premises concerned."*

1. *Take such general fire precautions as will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of his employees and*
2. *In relation to relevant persons who are not his employees, take such general precautions as may be reasonably required in the circumstances of the case to ensure the premises are safe.*

Recommendations

A person is to be regarded as competent for the purposes of installing fire protection products where he has sufficient training and experience or knowledge and other qualities to enable him properly to implement the measures required to maintain the requirement of compartmentalisation.

To be defined as a competent person, we would suggest the following as a minimum

- Training directly from the manufacturer of the compartment reinstatement products which are to be installed. Products should be third party accredited or as a minimum tested at a UKAS accredited facility. Individual manufacturer training does not carry across to products from other manufacturers.
- Installer should be third party accredited by a recognised body such as, Firas, BRE, LPCB, IFC or UL

- ASFP Level 3 NVQ as a minimum for supervisory requirements
- ASFP Level 2 NVQ as a minimum for installers under periodic supervision from an NVQ 3 operative.

Products

It is deemed that all products tested should be installed and applied within suitability complaint and equally tested compartmentalisation substrates. The mixing of manufacturers products or system may be justified by a suitable competent person such as a fire engineer, specialise manufacturer (qualified) or a UKAS listed fire testing facility. An installer of passive fire protection products would not be qualified to apply such judgements and would also be deemed to have a conflict of interest.

Credentials for competence and suitability to commence such works should be ascertained, prior to commencement of employment by the responsible person.

Technical Service

Nullifire have a team of experienced Technical Sales Representatives who provide assistance in the selection and specification of products. For more detailed information, on technical advise, please call our technical hub on 01942 251400

Ref: www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/article/14/made