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Attn: Electrical Contractors
Electrical Distributors and Wholesalers
Building Owners and Householders

Cable supplied by ATLAS KABLO – BBC London News Report

This note is to provide suppliers and users of electric cable with information about non-conforming cable made by Atlas Kablo, following a report today by the BBC. The manufacturer, Atlas Kablo, was based in Turkey and supplied cable to the UK market until late 2010, after which it ceased production.

In early 2010, a number of types of cable produced by this manufacturer were found not to conform to the requirements of the standard claimed, including grey-sheathed flat twin and earth and some flexible cables. Atlas Kablo's approvals were withdrawn, traders of the cable notified, and a substantial amount of cable recovered and scrapped. However, not all cable was recovered from the supply chain and some may have been installed.

Please note that no other manufacturer's cable was affected. All the affected cable was marked with the manufacturer's mark of origin, 'ATLAS KABLO', and with the production year '2010'. Please note that kablo means 'cable' in Turkish, and is present in the marking of cable from several other manufacturers. The 'ATLAS' part of the marking is the key identifier. No other manufacturer's cable was affected.

Affected cable had excessive conductor resistance (insufficient copper). BASEC advised at the time that affected cable should not be sold or installed, and to seek advice if it has been installed. Cables affected included flat twin, single and 3-core with CPC (BS 6004, 1.0sqmm – 16sqmm), single core unsheathed (BS 6004, 1.5sqmm – 35sqmm), single core sheathed (BS 6004, 1.5 sqmm - 35 sqmm).

Where affected cable is found to have been installed, purchasers or contractors should check that the necessary electrical installation verification tests (e.g., R1+R2 / loop impedance) have been performed by a suitably qualified and competent electrician and that the results are in all aspects satisfactory. In the event of any performance or safety concerns being raised, these should be further investigated by a suitably qualified / competent electrician or engineer to assess whether circuits are safe, or if protection needs enhancement or any cables replaced.

Yours sincerely,



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