



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

To:

The Chief Executive

Unitary, Metropolitan, District and
London Borough Councils in England

County and County Borough Councils
in Wales

The Town Clerk, City of London
The Clerk, Council of the Isles of Scilly
The Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple
The Under Treasurer, Middle Temple

The Head of Building Control
Unitary Metropolitan, District and
London Borough Councils in
England

County and County Borough
Councils in Wales

City of London

Council of the Isles of Scilly

Approved Inspectors

cc: The Chief Executive:
Combined Authorities
County Councils in England
National Park Authorities in England &
Wales

The Chief Fire Officer: Fire and Rescue
Authorities in England & Wales

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

1 December 2017

Dear Sir or Madam

**Insurance Schemes for Approved Inspectors pursuant to section 47(6) of the
Building Act 1984**

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I am writing to inform you that the Secretary of State has approved the professional indemnity and public liability insurance policies offered by Lockton Companies LLP as an addition to the currently approved insurance schemes offered by insurers for approved inspectors carrying out building control functions.

A copy of the Notice of Approval is at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/building-regulation>.

Scope of this Circular Letter

The guidance in this Circular Letter applies to approved inspectors carrying out building control functions on buildings and building work in England, and also on excepted energy buildings in Wales.¹

New Approval

To gain approval insurance schemes must comply with a set of criteria for approval. The Secretary of State has approved, under section 47(6) of the Building Act 1984 the Lockton Companies LLP scheme, having determined that it meets the criteria.

The contact details for Lockton Companies LLP are: The St Botolph Building, 138 Houndsditch, London EC3A 7AG, tel: 020 7933 0000, email: david.isherwood@uk.lockton.com

Other Approved Schemes of Insurance for Approved Inspectors

There are currently three other approved insurance schemes for approved inspectors. NHBC (National House-Building Council) who only insure their own approved inspectors, and Griffiths and Armour and Howden UK Group Limited who offer insurance to all approved inspectors on the open market.

Coming into force date

The approval takes effect on 1 December 2017 and will continue in effect until withdrawn by the Secretary of State.

Enquiries

Any enquiries about this Circular Letter should be addressed to: enquiries.br@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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Building Regulations and Energy Performance Division

¹ Excepted energy buildings are defined in the schedule to the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) (No.2) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/3019)