

## BY EMAIL

Hello Mr McDougall,

I write to you on behalf of British Standards committee TCT7/-/2 (of which I am Meeting Secretary) which is responsible for the development and implementation of international and European standards in the field of "Telecommunications – Installation Requirements" such as: BS EN 50174-3 "*Information technology: Cabling installation: Planning and installation practices outside buildings*". We also are responsible for BS 6701, a national standard, "*Telecommunications equipment and telecommunications cabling - Specification for installation, operation and maintenance*".

The installation and operating heights of aerial cables has been a key issue in both the above-mentioned standards and has been a major concern since the removal/relaxation of the maximum height restrictions on vehicles in the UK which has resulted in litigation over the past few years

I specifically write to advise you that BS EN 50174-3 is currently in revision at European level (I am also Secretary of that committee) and the requirements of the new standard are likely to more be detailed than the existing version published in 2003.

In all cases, regulations override the requirements of standards but it is always useful if standards act in support of established national practice. Therefore I seek to draw your attention to this work and would be pleased to assist in any way to harmonise any outcome of this consultation process.

This mail is copied to Tim Oldershaw, Chairman of BSI TCT7/-/2.

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