FASET Bulletin SN28 (Revision 1) Replacing Safety Net Identification Labels

FASET Technical Bulletin Number 4 should be read in conjunction with this guidance.

BS EN 1263:1 requires the attachment of an "identification label" to each net. If this is missing or illegible, the safety net does not meet the requirements of the standard.

Over time, some safety net "identification labels" that display details such as the name / mark of the manufacturer, unique identity number and date of manufacture may become faded, worn, damaged or simply ripped off the net. Due to the degradation of safety nets through their serviceable life, it is important that the manufacturer and safety net owner can verify the traceability of the safety net before attaching a replacement label.

It is <u>not</u> permissible to write on / over-write the identification label.

Replacement labels, maybe issued, but the safety net owner must provide the manufacturer with sufficient traceability for the net. Blank labels should never be issued, as it allows the safety net owner to put any details they may wish upon it, which may falsely identify the nets age and condition etc.

It has been agreed by FASET and the safety net manufacturers that only the original manufacturer of the net may issue a replacement label, and prior to doing this, they must have received the following:

- Evidence linking the net to the original identity number
- Evidence of the safety net size
- Supporting information / evidence identifying the net to the faded / worn / damaged / removed

This information should be recorded by the manufacturer and the net owner.

FASET are encouraging all safety net owners and manufacturers to inform them when a replacement label is issued to further improve traceability of safety nets.

FASET members and manufacturers must inform FASET when a replacement label is issued to further enhance the traceability of safety nets. This will be verified on the members audit.





Figure 1. Examples of faded labels.



Figure 2. Example of damaged label.

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