

Scottish Government submission of 26 August 2022

PE1940/A: Permit Nest Protect as a valid system under new Fire and Smoke Alarm law

The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to permit Nest Protect as a valid system under the new Fire and Smoke Alarm law, which came into force in February 2022.

The view of the Scottish Government is that this would be inappropriate because the Nest Protect system does not meet the necessary British Standard required under the interlinked fire alarms legislation.

Although the Nest Protect alarms are mains powered and interlinked, they do not meet the requirements for a heat alarm under the relevant British Standard. British Standard (BS 5839-6:2019) makes it clear that only heat alarms should be installed in kitchens:

- Clause 10.2a) - Smoke detectors may be used in any room or area of premises, other than kitchens, bathrooms and shower rooms; and
- Clause 12.2f) - If fire detectors are installed within kitchens, only heat detectors should be used.

On 21 January 2022, Scottish Government issued a joint statement with COSLA confirming that local authorities would be taking a proportionate and measured approach to compliance taking individual circumstances into account and there are no penalties for non-compliance.

For these reasons we do not support the petitioner.