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Attn: Mr. Gabriel Kelly  
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Our Ref: CAP3316

Your Ref: Irish Standards

Dear Gabriel,

Further to your recent enquiry, please find the following details regarding the Maintenance of Fire Fighting Equipment in Ireland.

### **Irish Standard 291**

Irish Standard 291, The Use Siting, Inspection and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers was introduced in 1986 by the National Standards Authority of Ireland. Before 1986, Fire Equipment in Ireland was serviced in accordance with BS 5306. Since then, these standards have been revised in 2015 and 2022. The most up to date Standard is IS 291:2015 + A1:2022.

### **Annual Maintenance Fire Extinguishers**

The Fire Service Act 1981 states that all reasonable measures should be taken to guard against the outbreak of fire in a building. Installing Fire Fighting Equipment in your building, ensures that you are complying with this Act. Once the Extinguishers are in place they must be maintained and ready to use. The standard that relates to this is Irish Standard 291:2015 + A1:2022. Fire Extinguishers should be serviced at least once a year and as part of that service, one third of your extinguishers must be test discharged annually. The objective being that over a 3-year period all Fire Extinguishers throughout a building will be thoroughly inspected, maintained and ready to use. Added to this, Fire Extinguishers in a building should not be more than 10 years old and are required to be fitted with a pressure release valve.

When the Annual Service is due, we will contact your office to seek approval to carry out the work.

On approval we attend each location, carry out the maintenance and remove the required Test/ Refills. Once the extinguishers are tested and refilled in our workshop, they are returned to their locations. Approval will be sought for any further recommendations and a written quotation will be submitted, if required. A Maintenance Certificate and a detailed report outlining all locations will be provided once all work has been completed.

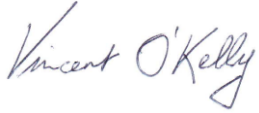
Due to the amount of Fire Extinguishers located in Cara Partners, a decision was made in 2020 to also carry out a Monthly Visual Inspection.

Fire Hydrants are Tested Annually in accordance with IS 391:2020

Fire Hose Reels are Tested Annually in accordance with EN 671.

I hope this meets with your approval. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,



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Champion Fire Safety

