



## “Fire-tested” isn't saying much ...

Be careful with fire-resistant safes – Often only components are tested – System test is crucial

**Frankfurt/M. – Oct. 2013. The promising “fire-tested” declaration on a safe or a data cabinet is often misleading. Because it doesn't say anything about the actual heat protection. Some manufacturers only use single fire-tested components, like wall panels or the door. The rest is not fire-tested – and, as a consequence, everything that is in it is left exposed to fire and heat without protection.**

### **Misleading designation**

Allegedly fire-resistant safes of which only one or several components are fire-tested are sham packages. By no means comparable to safes certified according to the fire resistance standards EN 1047-1 or EN 15659 for secure storage units. Because only these products are subjected to a system test which checks all components. This piece of advice is given by European Certification Body (ECB) GmbH, a neutral certification body which grants certifications for fire-resistant secure storage units.

### **Fire test of the complete system**

“The standards EN 1047-1 and EN 15659 deliberately require a fire resistance test of the complete system – not only of wall panels. Just as nobody would board a plane of which only the landing gears have been tested,” stresses Falko Adomat from ECB. “At the end of the day, it's the total product that is crucial – referring to single tested components is window dressing.”

### **A reliable security seal: The blue ECB•S certification mark**

Some manufacturers assemble, e.g., components of safes tested according to the British standard BS 476-20 or the German standard DIN 4102. Both guidelines only cover elements of construction or building materials – the latter alone cannot make a safe “fire-proof”. Therefore, the users should entrust their data and important documents only to certified products. A reliable security seal is the blue ECB•S certification mark.

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### **Legend Photo No. 89**

ECB•S-certified data cabinets (photo) have passed a system test which checks all components.

### **Legend Photo No. 28 Certification mark**

Data cabinets with this blue ECB•S mark have been granted certification according to the fire resistance standard EN 1047-1.

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**Background ECB**

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