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BS 7909
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**All you ever wanted to know about
the standard**

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Dear Member

You may be aware of BS 7909, The Code of Practice for the “Design and installation of temporary distribution systems delivering AC electrical supplies for lighting, technical services and other entertainment related purposes.” To give it its full title, is under review.

This British Standard and other related standards have a great bearing on our industry. BS 7909’s scope is very wide ranging, covering just about all of our activities, from studio to location, manufacturers, hire companies, PSC & film shoots, television studio programmes, television OB & location shoots, theatres, events, concerts, exhibitions, etc.

The BS 7909 standard was introduced in 1998; and was developed from the original BS 5550 standard, introduced in the 1980’s. The British Standards Institution (BSI) likes to review all of their published standards every 5 years or so, therefore BS 7909 is well overdue for review. Membership of the review committee, is wide ranging and membership is taken for many areas of the entertainment industry.

As the Society of Television Lighting Directors (STLD) is a recognised professional body, the STLD have been asked by the BSI to sit on the committee reviewing BS 7909. This allows the STLD to give our input, experience and views to the revision committee. To enable the standard to be improved in the light of current practice and to ensure that the standard is effective and relevant to our industry.

The revision process has commenced, and we need your input, good, bad or indifferent, as to the workings of BS 7909. So that we can present our findings to the revision committee towards the end of August 2006. As the nominated STLD representative on the revision committee, could I ask all interested parties to contact me with their feedback on the current BS 7909 standard to the address above.

Yours faithfully.

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