General Rules of Antitrust Compliance

The following rules are applicable to all NESA activities and must be observed in all situations and under all circumstances, without exception or qualification other than as noted below.

1. Neither NESA nor any committee, product group, conference or activity of NESA shall be used for the purpose of bringing about, or attempting to bring about, any understanding or agreement, whether written or oral, formal or informal, expressed or implied, among competitors with regard to prices, terms or conditions of sale, discounts, distribution, volume of production, territories or customers.

2. No NESA activity or communication shall include discussion or action, for any purpose or in any fashion, of prices or pricing methods, production quotas or other limitations on either the timing or volume of production or of sales, or involve allocation of territories or markets or customers in any way.

3. No NESA committee or product group shall undertake any activity which involves exchange or collection and dissemination among competitors, of any information regarding prices, pricing methods, cost of production, or of labor or sales or distribution or individual company statistics of any kind, without first obtaining the advice of legal counsel, provided by the Association, as to those proper and lawful methods by which these activities may be pursued.

4. No NESA activity or communication shall include any discussion or action which might be construed as an attempt to prevent any person or business entity from gaining access to any market or to any customer for goods or services, or to prevent or boycott any business entity from obtaining a supply of goods or otherwise purchasing goods or services freely in the market.

5. No NESA activity or communication shall include any discussion or action which might be construed as an agreement or understanding to refrain from purchasing any raw materials, equipment, services or other supplies from any supplier.

6. Neither NESA nor any committee or product group thereof, shall make any effort to bring about the standardization of any product or method of manufacture or certification of any product or program, for the purpose of preventing the manufacture or sale of any product not conforming to a specified standard or which would tend to have the overall effect of either lessening competition or resulting in a degree of price stabilization.

7. No person or company shall be unreasonably excluded from NESA membership or participation in any NESA activity, committee or product group, where such exclusion may impair such person’s or company’s ability to compete effectively in the private security alarm industry.

8. In conducting NESA committee meetings, or product group meetings, the chairman thereof shall prepare and follow a formal agenda. Minutes of each meeting shall be distributed to all persons who attended such meetings. Approval of the minutes shall be obtained from the membership of the committee or product group at its next meeting. Copies of the minutes shall be transmitted to the NESA office.