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### **BSI and UDC Consortium announce UDC Online replacement service**

English speaking users of UDC will be able to access a new UDC Consortium's UDC Online service from 26 August as BSI's UDC Online will be closing from 1 October 2013. The upgraded UDC Online service offers improved searching and browsing functions and several new features such as access to cancelled numbers and alphabetical chain index.

The new product is a part of the multilingual UDC hub-service driven directly from the UDC Master Reference File (MRF) database and run by the UDC Consortium (The Hague). The new online service has been developed to bring together and align existing translations with the regularly updated knowledge content of the UDC. The tool aims to provide a better, up-to-date and more convenient service for users world-wide. The English version will be the first edition to be made available online.

The UDC was created in 1900s and it has since been used in over 150,000 libraries and other information services in over 130 countries. It is one of the most sophisticated and most widely used knowledge organization schemes in the world.

BSI, the business standards company is a global independent business services organization that inspires confidence and delivers assurance to over 70,000 customers in 150 countries with standards-based solutions. BSI has been the principal publisher of UDC schedules in English since the 1930s and a member of the UDC Consortium from 1992-2012. BSI's expert input into the UDC development for over 70 years has been invaluable for UDC users in many countries.

High quality printed BSI UDC editions are appreciated by documentation specialists worldwide. In spring 2001, BSI released a web version of the English UDC schedules called "UDC Online" - the first of its kind in the bibliographic domain. BSI UDC Online was at the forefront of online classification schemes and has been serving users for over 10 years.

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BSI (British Standards Institution) is the business standards company that equips businesses with the necessary solutions to turn standards of best practice into habits of excellence. Formed in 1901, BSI was the world's first National Standards Body and a founding member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Over a century later it continues to facilitate business improvement across the globe by helping its clients drive performance, manage risk and grow sustainably through the adoption of international management systems standards, many of which BSI

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### **About UDC Consortium**

The UDC Consortium (UDCC) is a self-funded, non-commercial, association of publishers established in 1992 by FID (International Federation for Documentation) to direct the development and dissemination of the Universal Decimal Classification in the best interests of its publishers and users. The Consortium was founded by the International Federation for Documentation (FID) and the publishers of the Dutch, English, French, Japanese and Spanish editions.

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