

Legislation Outlook

June 2021

This monthly legislation briefing is a **supplement** to your Activ Comply service to help you to **plan ahead** for maintenance of your ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001/ISO 45001, ISO 50001 and ISO 27001 systems. In addition to giving you advance warning about important legislation that will affect your compliance with the standards, we'll provide news, newly-published guidance and government consultations that you might find useful, as well as any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed that will potentially impact your organisation. Unlike other services, we only report items of value: we don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees or changes that only affect enforcement agencies.

When legislative changes are announced with short notice (<1 month) they are not reported here. All changes are automatically delivered direct into your [Activ Comply](#) system as they come into effect so you can be confident that you are always 100% up to date.

The summer sun has finally made an appearance but whatever the weather you can rely on Activ Comply to keep you abreast of all the new legislation and guidance to make your ISO journey a little easier. In addition, we have recently added Business Continuity Legislation to Activ Comply, so why not sign up for our new ISO 22301 Business Continuity webinar that is taking place on 21 June 2021?

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

OHSAS 18001 / ISO 45001

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Fire Safety Act 2021

[This Act](#) received Royal Assent on 29 April 2021. It will be applicable in England and Wales and will come into force over coming months although as yet, no commencement date has been set.

The Act seeks to improve fire safety in multi-occupancy domestic premises following the Grenfell Tower disaster. It will amend the [Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#) to require the relevant duty holders of all multi-occupied residential buildings (regardless of height) to assess and mitigate the fire risks posed by the structure, external walls, and common parts of the buildings for which they are responsible (including cladding, balconies, and windows).

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News

UK SCCs to go out for consultation in the summer

The ICO announced at its recent Data Protection Practitioners' Conference 2021 that it is working on new Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) for restricted transfers of personal data outside the UK. The draft UK SCC's are expected to go out to consultation during the summer of 2021. Although we do not yet have any detail of the content of the UK SCC's, it is thought likely that they will be similar to the new draft EU model clauses. We will continue to update you as and when further information becomes available from the ICO.

New UK Plant Passport E-Learning Module

On 12 May 2021 the Department for Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs launched a Plant Passport E-Learning Module in conjunction with the Animal & Plant Health Agency and the Horticulture Trades Association.

The training module is aimed at professional operators who would like to become authorised, or who are already authorised to issue Plant Passports so that they can maintain compliance with the system and help to protect industry and the wider environment from harmful plant pests and diseases. The module is voluntary, and the first 10,000 courses are free. Further details on the purpose of the training and how to access it can be found [here](#).

Guidance

Health and Safety Executive Guidance on Hand Sanitiser and Surface Disinfectant

The Health and Safety Executive has introduced guidance for employers who are providing hand sanitiser for their employees and others to use in their workplace, following the increase in demand for hand sanitiser and surface disinfectant products during the coronavirus pandemic. The guidance includes information regarding [choosing the right hand sanitisers and surface disinfectants](#) and manufacturing and supplying [hand sanitisers](#) and [surface disinfectants](#). There is also [advice](#) for employers on cleaning, hygiene, and handwashing to make your workplace COVID-secure.

Health and Safety Executive inspectors to visit fabricated metal businesses

From 4 May 2021 HSE inspectors will be visiting fabricated metal businesses in Great Britain to ensure that owners and operators are aware of the risks associated with welding fumes and metalworking fluids and have in place appropriate measures to protect the health of workers in this regard. In particular they will be highlighting the risks of occupational asthma and lung disease which can be caused by the inhalation of fumes for welding or the inhalation of mist from metalworking fluids.

Organisations can ensure that they are properly managing these risks and prepare for the inspections by accessing the HSE guidance tools on their website for [managing the risks from welding fumes](#) and [managing the risks from metalworking fluids](#).

Consultations

Control of Asbestos

As signposted in our May edition of the Legislation Outlook, the Health and Safety Executive has now launched its online consultation with stakeholders to establish the suitability of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. This is a chance to contribute to the future regulation of asbestos so if this is relevant to your business you can take part in the survey [here](#). The consultation closes on 11 June 2021.

UK product safety review

The Office for Product and Safety Standards is seeking views from a broad range of individuals, businesses, and organisations that deal with all aspects of product safety, and is looking for evidence in the following areas:

- product design, manufacture, and placing on the market
- new models of supply
- new products and product lifecycles
- enforcement considerations
- a diverse and inclusive product safety framework

The opportunity to provide an opinion is available until 17 June 2021, and can be done either [online](#) or by emailing productsafetyreview@beis.gov.uk.

Performance-based policy framework in large commercial and industrial buildings

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is requesting [responses](#) from interested parties on the government's proposals to introduce a national performance-based policy framework for rating the energy and carbon performance of commercial and industrial buildings above 1,000m² in England and Wales. The consultation closes on 9 June 2021.

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We have recently added Business Continuity Legislation to the options available to select when setting up the scope of your audit in Activ Comply. To use this option, simply start a new audit, and choose **UK Information Security and Business Continuity Legislation** as the **Compliance Area** when setting up your **Scope of Audit**. Alternatively, if you have a live audit already in place for Information Security, you will be able to add ISO 22301 by editing your **Scope of Audit**. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@myactiv.co.uk.



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FREE WEBINAR

**Understanding ISO 22301
Business Continuity Standard webinar**

**Monday 21 June 2021
9.30 am - 10.15 am**

Understanding ISO 22301 the Business Continuity Standard webinar with Group Product Director Julian Russell

[Register here](#)

Attend this webinar for an overview on how to use ISO 22301 to ensure continuity of operations during uncertain times.

This webinar will explain:

- The ISO 22301 standard itself
- How business continuity benefits your business
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- The steps to achieving certification
- How many of the ISO 22301 requirements you have already covered by being certified to other ISO standards.

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