

Legislation Outlook

January 2024



This monthly legislation briefing will help you to plan ahead for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 27001, ISO 45001 and ISO 50001 systems.

We will give advance warning about important legislation that will affect compliance with the standards, relevant news, newly published guidance and government consultations that you might find useful, and any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed that will potentially impact your organisation. We don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees, we only report items of value.

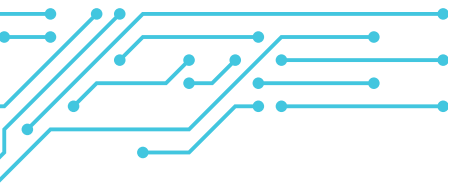
This month's issue will be of particular interest to waste producers in Wales as we set out the new waste rules that will apply from next April.



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Updated Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001

Prohibition on Disposal of Food Waste to Sewer (Civil Sanctions) (Wales) Order 2023

This Order comes into force on 6th April 2024 to enable local authorities in Wales to impose penalties for non-compliance with the new prohibition on the disposal of food waste to a sewer, which is due to commence on the same day (see last November's Legislation Outlook for more details).

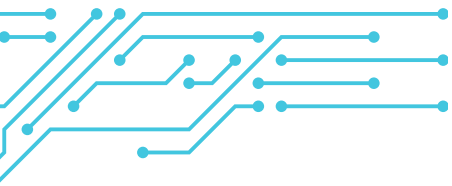
Prohibition on the Incineration, or the Deposit in Landfill, of Specified Waste (Wales) Regulations 2023

These Regulations come into force on 6th April 2024 to prohibit, in Wales, the incineration or the deposit in landfill of specified types of waste. The types of waste are food, small electrical and electronic equipment, card, cartons, and certain textiles. There is also a prohibition on the deposit in landfill of waste wood.

Waste Separation Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2023

These Regulations come into force on 6th April 2024 to set out new waste separation requirements in Wales with the aim of promoting high quality recycling. All non-domestic premises (other than hospitals) will have to present the following recyclable waste streams separately for collection:

- glass;
- cartons and similar, metal and plastic;
- paper and card;
- food waste;
- unsold small waste electrical and electronic equipment; and
- unsold textiles.



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News

New UK levy to level carbon pricing

HM Treasury has announced the implementation of a new import carbon pricing mechanism by 2027 to support the decarbonisation drive. Goods imported into the UK from countries with a lower or no carbon price will have to pay a levy by 2027, ensuring products from overseas (such as iron, steel, aluminium and ceramics) face a comparable carbon price to those produced in the UK.

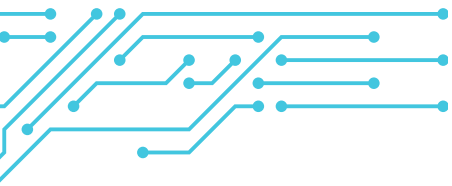


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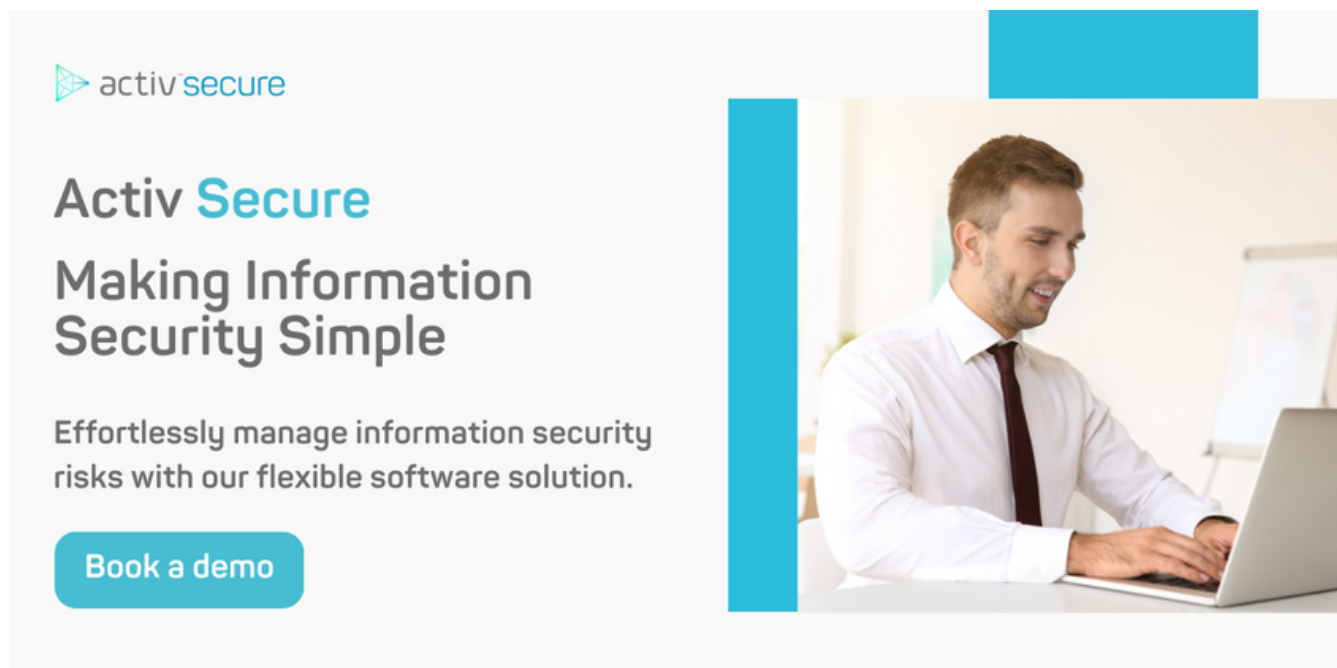




Guidance

US Data Transfer Guidance

The Information Commissioner's Office has updated guidance for organisations that need to complete a transfer risk assessment when transferring personal data to the US. This will apply to all US recipients of personal data that have not signed up to the UK Extension to the EU-US Data Privacy Framework.




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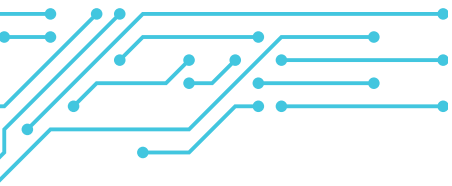


Consultations

Employer Data Protection Draft Guidance

The Information Commissioner's Office has published a set of consultations seeking views on its draft guidance for employers on keeping employment records and recruitment and selection.

The guidance is designed to help employers and recruiters understand their data protection obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. The consultations end on 5th March 2024.



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UK Data Infrastructure Security and Resilience

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on a proposed regulation to improve the security and resilience of the UK's data infrastructure. The proposed regulation would require third-party data centres to:

- register with the designated regulator and provide relevant information regarding their UK operations;
- take appropriate and proportionate technical and organisational measures to manage risks to security and resilience of these services; and
- report significant incidents to the regulator, and in some cases disclose incidents to customers or other affected parties.

The consultation closes on 22nd February 2024.

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