

Legislation Outlook

March 2024



This monthly legislation briefing will help you plan for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 27001, ISO 45001 and ISO 50001 systems. We will provide advance warning about important legislation that will affect compliance with these standards, including relevant news, newly published guidance and government consultations, and any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed, which may potentially impact your organisation. We don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees, we only report on items of value.

This past month has seen little in the way of long lead-time legislation, but there is something of interest to participants in the UK Emissions Trading Scheme.

Updated Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024

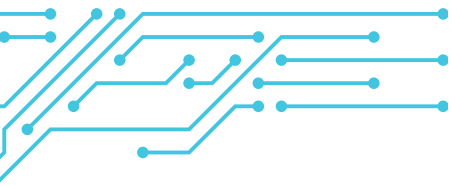
This [Order](#) comes into force on 31st March 2024 to delay by a year the application window for the following, in relation to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme:

- applying for the free allocation of allowances in the 2026-2030 allocation period;
- applying to be part of the Hospitals and Small Emitters or Ultra Small Emitter schemes in the 2026-2030 allocation period; and
- for operators not applying for free allocations to provide information.
- The new window for application will be between 1st April 2025 and 30th June 2025.

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Guidance

Reservoirs

The Environment Agency has issued guidance relating to the obligations placed on various roles in relation to large and/or high-risk reservoirs under the Reservoirs Act 1975. Separate guidance is available for:

- [owners and operators](#);
- [supervising engineers](#); and
- [inspecting engineers](#).

Transport Hub Waste

The Environment Agency has published a new Regulatory Position Statement ([RPS 240](#)) relating to the collection of non-hazardous waste produced:

- by passengers on public transport networks; or
- at separate premises within a single identifiable transport hub – this includes train and bus stations, ports, airports and associated depots.
- The RPS provides guidance on when non-hazardous waste can be collected at a transport hub without the need for an environmental permit for a waste operation, provided specific conditions are met.



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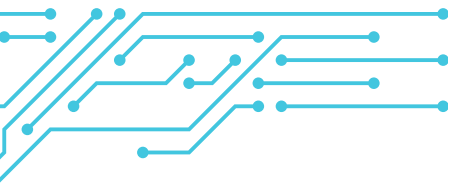
Consultations

General Permitted Development

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has published a [consultation](#) seeking views on changes to several existing permitted development rights in England that allow for:

- householders to improve and enlarge their homes;
- the upward extension of a range of existing buildings;
- the demolition of certain buildings and rebuild as homes;
- the installation of electrical outlets and upstands for recharging electric vehicles; and
- the installation of air source heat pumps.

The consultation closes on 9th April 2024.

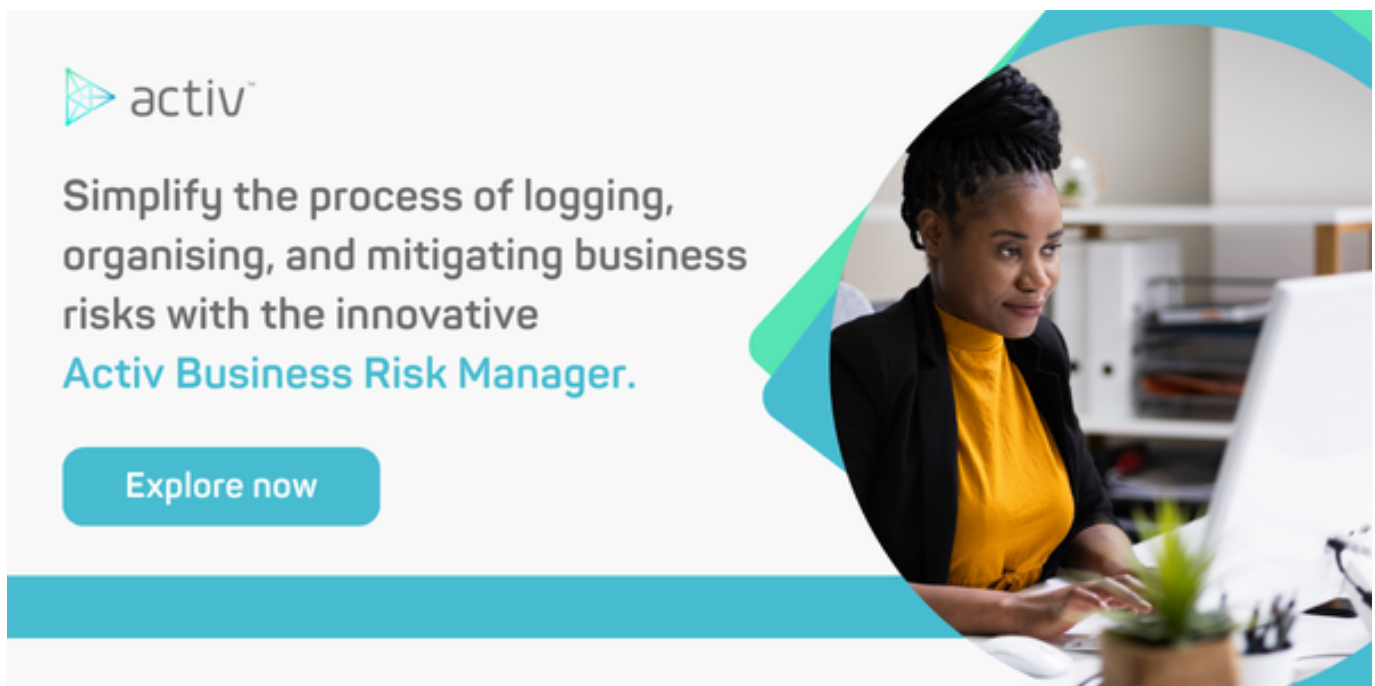



Premises Security

The Home Office has published a consultation seeking views on the requirements imposed on standard tier premises (publicly accessible premises with a capacity of 100-799 individuals) under the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill. The main requirements for standard tier premises are:

- notifying the newly created regulator that they are, or have become, responsible for standard tier premises; and
- implementing procedural measures that could be expected to reduce, so far as reasonably practicable, the risk of physical harm to individuals at the premises in the event of an attack.

The consultation closes on 18th March 2024.



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