Legislation Outlook



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 month sees the publication of legislation that will be of interest to those involved in construction in Scotland.

Updated Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001 and ISO 50001

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024

This <u>Order</u> comes into force on 24th May 2024 and amends the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 to make changes to permitted development in Scotland. The main changes relate to:

- the deployment of domestic renewables equipment, including;
 - amending Classes 6D and 6E, which relate to the installation of ground source and water source heat pumps, so that the permitted development right covers the associated pipework and other apparatus in addition to the pump itself;
 - amending Class 6G which widens the permitted development right for installing a free-standing wind turbine within the curtilage of a dwelling;





- creating a new Class 6HA specifically for the installation, alteration or replacement of solar panels mounted on a dwelling;
- creating a new Class 6HB which permits the installation of solar panels on outbuildings;
- creating a new Class 6HC which provides a permitted development right for the installation, alteration or replacement of a wind turbine on a detached dwellinghouse;
- the deployment of non-domestic renewables equipment, including;
 - amending Class 6I, which relate to the installation of ground source and water source heat pumps in non-domestic premises, so that the permitted development right covers the associated pipework and other apparatus in addition to the pump itself;
 - amending Class 6J to add flexibility to the installation, alteration or replacement of solar panels mounted on a dwelling; and
 - introduce a new Class 6N right to allow the installation of free standing solar panels within the curtilage of a non-domestic building;
- improving the energy efficiency of buildings, by creating a new Class 7A right which permits the alteration or replacement of an existing window; and
- the roll-out of electricity network infrastructure by electricity licence holders.



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News

Safety Notice: Thermites

The Health and Safety Executive has issued a <u>Safety Notice</u> after becoming aware that thermites, and thermite containing articles, are currently being transported after being incorrectly classified either as non-dangerous goods or as Class 4.1 dangerous goods (flammable solids), rather than as Class 1 dangerous goods (as explosive substances and articles). Such incorrect classification means that expected safeguards are not fully implemented. The Safety Notice goes on to provide duty holders with guidance about the correct carriage of thermites.

Guidance

Health Data Transparency

The Information Commissioner's Office has issued **guidance** that will assist health and social care organisations with their obligations to let people know about how their personal information is being used. Organisations in this sector routinely handle sensitive and confidential health information; the guidance sets out practical steps to ensure that organisations provide effective transparency information to people about how their information is being used.

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Consultations

Materials Facilities Charges

The Environment Agency has released a consultation setting out proposed changes to it's charging regime for materials facilities (waste operators that receive over 1,000 tonnes of waste a year and separate it into specified output material such as glass, metal, paper, or plastic to allow this material to be recycled). The proposed changes are:

- increasing the additional subsistence charge for materials facilities operations, so it better reflects costs of regulatory activity
- changing the billing process for the additional subsistence charge for materials facilities operations so that billing takes place in advance in March for the following financial year.

The consultation closes on 5th June 2024.



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