

Legislation Outlook

September 2024



This monthly legislation briefing will help you plan for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 22301, 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.

It has been a slow summer for standard-related legislation, but we anticipate that this will change once Parliament starts sitting and the new Government starts implementing their manifesto.

Updated Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001

Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024

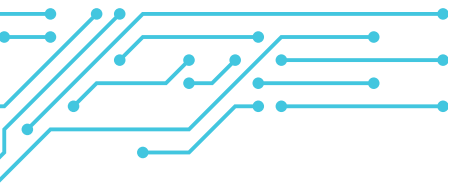
This Act received Royal Assent on 8th August 2024, and will commence on a date to be decided by the Scottish Ministers. It introduces measures to facilitate the transition of Scotland's economy to a circular model, as well as modernise Scotland's waste and recycling services, by:

- requiring Ministers to prepare a circular economy strategy for Scotland;
- imposing statutory targets on the Scottish Government for the delivery of a circular economy through secondary legislation;
- prohibiting or restricting the disposal of unsold consumer goods in order to prevent such goods from ending up in landfill;
- imposing charges on single-use items to encourage the move towards use of reusable alternatives;
- imposing a duty of care on householders and setting targets for local authorities regarding household waste and its recycling; and

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- expanding Local Authorities' enforcement powers, for example, in relation to fly-tipping and littering from vehicles.

We will provide more information on these changes to affected clients when the commencing legislation is published.



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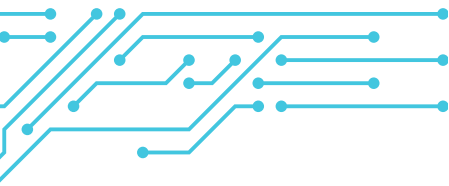


Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 (Commencement) Order 2024

This Order brings into force, on 4th November 2024, the remaining uncommenced provisions of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023. The 2023 Act consolidates the existing law in relation to the conservation of historic environment of Wales, including legal protections for:

- monuments of special historic interest;
- buildings of architectural or historic interest; and
- conservation areas.

These changes are unlikely to affect your legal obligations, but may require your legal register to be updated if your activities involve owning or working with historic monuments or buildings. Affected clients will be provided with more information closer to the commencement date.



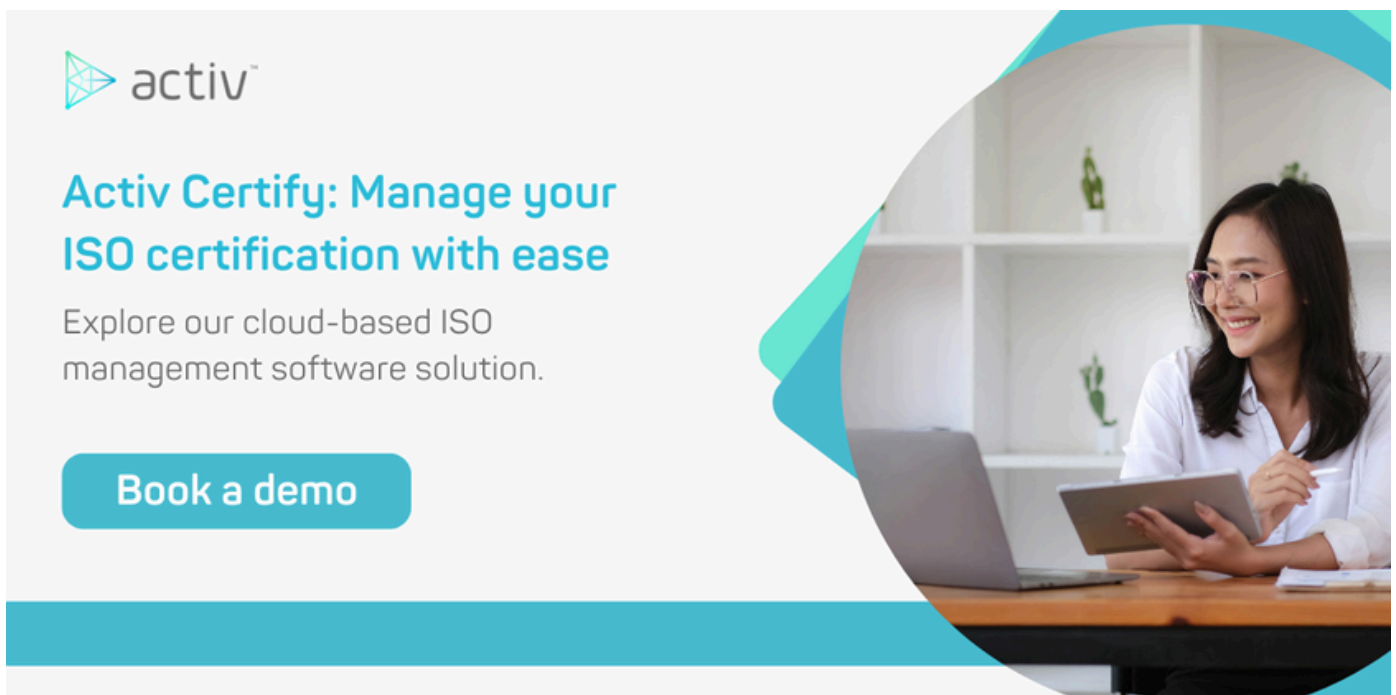
News


ICO Releases Update to Privacy Notice Generator for SMEs

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has updated its [Privacy Notice Generator](#) to include new sector-specific versions of the privacy notice generator for customer and supplier information. These are for the following sectors:

- professional services (including finance, insurance and legal services);
- education and childcare;
- health and social care; and
- charity and voluntary.

The tool offers SMEs an easy step-by-step process that creates tailored privacy notices that are geared toward the business's specific role and creates two different types of notices; the first for organisations to display on their websites and external communications; the second for internal communications geared toward staff members and volunteers.

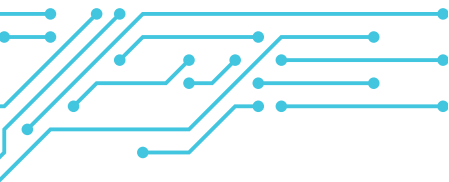


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Consultations

Environmental Permitting Standard Rules: Research and Development

The Environment Agency has published a [consultation](#) seeking views on its proposal to introduce new standard rules to allow operators of existing installations to carry out research and development activities for the innovation, introduction, and improvement of products and processes associated with the permitted activities.

The proposed rules would allow time-limited research and development under existing permit conditions, subject to a risk assessment to ensure that risks to the environment and human health are reduced to an acceptable level.

The consultation closes on 30th October 2024.

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