

# Legislation Outlook

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**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.

**This month sees legislation published that clarifies the waste separation rules that come into force in England at the end of the month. We can also expect the usual accumulation of last-minute legislation coming into force on 1st April 2025 – we will keep clients informed of such legislation directly via Activ's update system.**

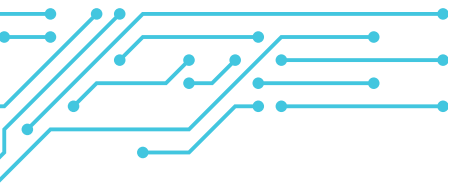
## Updated Standard-Related Legislation

### ISO 14001

#### Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025

This Order comes into force on 31st March 2025 and amends the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 to make changes to the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) by:

- delaying the start of the second allocation period for stationary installations from 2026 to 2027, making 2026 a standalone year, and providing The Order for the calculation of free allocation in the 2026 standalone scheme year; and
- updating the qualification criteria for the UK ETS so that installations with low levels of emissions, which started operations between 2nd January 2021 and 1st January 2024 inclusive, can apply to be classed as Ultra-Small Emitters (which are subject to reduced administrative requirements) during the second allocation period.



## Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2025

These Regulations come into force on 31st March 2025 to provide some clarification on how waste separation requirements in England, which come into force on the same day, will operate. The Regulations

- allow English waste collection authorities and other waste collectors to collect the plastic, glass and metal recyclable waste streams together in all circumstances and not just where an exception applies. Paper and card must still be collected separately from other recyclable waste streams by default, unless an exception applies; and
- exempt entities with less than 10 full-time equivalent employees from waste separation requirements until 31st March 2027.

For more information on the incoming waste separation requirements in England, see the Focus item in last month's edition of the Legislation Outlook.



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