

Legislation Outlook

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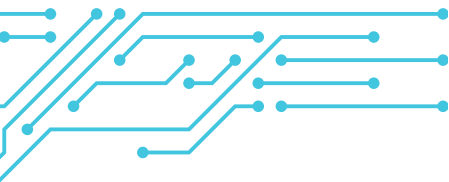
This monthly legislation briefing will help you plan for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 22301, ISO 27001, ISO 45001 and ISO 50001 systems. We will provide advance warning about important legislation that will affect compliance with these standards, including relevant news, newly published guidance 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 has seen very little in the way of long lead-time legislation being published, but there has been a burst of last-minute legislation published just in time to come into effect on 1st April - Activ Comply users will be directly informed of any short-notice legislative changes that are relevant to them.

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2025


These Regulations bring into force, on 3rd November 2025, provisions of the Online Safety Act 2023 that require providers of regulated user-to-user services (such as social media, messaging apps and online marketplaces) to report Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA) content to the National Crime Agency, as well as introducing a new offence for providing false information in a CSEA report.



Online Safety (CSEA Content Reporting by Regulated User-to-User Service Providers) Regulations 2025


These Regulations come into force on 3rd November 2025 to set out what is required of providers of regulated user-to-user services to comply with the requirement in the Online Safety Act 2023 to report CSEA content to the National Crime Agency. The Regulations provide details on:

- registering with the National Crime Agency to submit reports;
- the key responsibilities of providers who are required to report to the NCA;
- the format of reports;
- timeframe for reporting;
- data retention requirements; and
- the data that is required within a report, such as information about the person submitting the report, information about the detected CSEA content, where possible the priority assessment of the content, and information about the suspected user.



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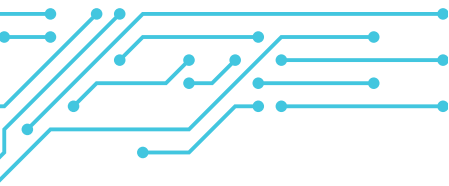
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News

New RPS on Reporting Requirements for Materials Facilities

The Environment Agency has published a new regulatory position statement that applies to the reporting requirements for all notified materials facilities under Part 2 of Schedule 9 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 in England.



Under the RPS, the Environment Agency will not normally take enforcement action for a failure to comply with the requirements relating to the reporting of the following:

- a batch of waste material was received at the facility; and
- specified output material was sent from the facility.

The RPS will expire on 1st December 2027.



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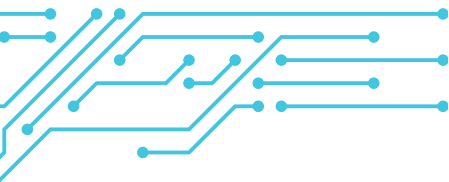


Consultations

Building Regulations: Approved Document A

The Health and Safety Executive has launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on the future guidance contained within Approved Document A (Structure). The HSE is revising Approved Document A to coincide with the withdrawal of the first-generation Eurocode Standards and is requesting evidence on areas of the guidance requiring increased clarity, research, or further development.

The consultation will close on 21st April 2025.



Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Regulations Exemptions

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has launched a series of consultations seeking views on whether the renewal of certain exemptions in the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 is justified. The exemptions under review are the exemptions for:

- lead solder in control units of combustion engines;
- helium cadmium lasers in Raman spectroscopy;
- lead in bearings and bushes of diesel or gaseous fuelled internal combustion engines; and
- mercury in discharge lamps for special purposes.

The consultations close on 4th May 2025.

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