

Legislation Outlook

May 2025



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.

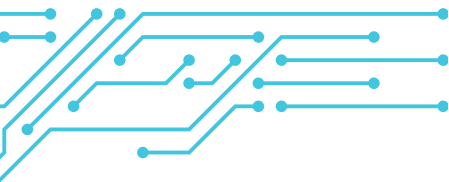
This month sees the publication of Martyn's Law, which will have a significant impact on those organisations who fall within its scope - see below for more details. We have also seen legislation published that may be of interest to those placing electrical equipment on the market in Northern Ireland.

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001

Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025

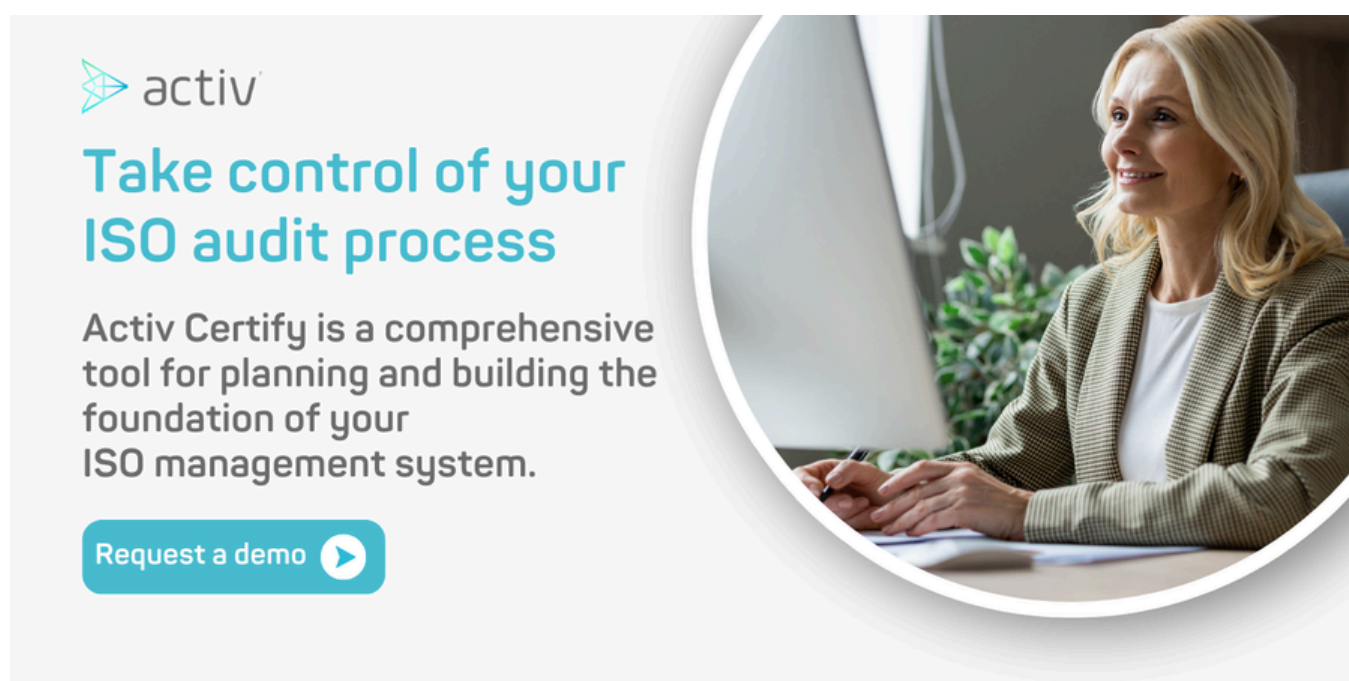
These Regulations amend the Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products Regulations 2010 and the Energy Information Regulations 2011, in relation to their application in Northern Ireland to include latest EU product-specific ecodesign and energy labelling measures, in order to facilitate Northern Ireland's access to both the UK internal market and the EU single market.




These regulations update the ecodesign and energy labelling measures for the following equipment from the date stated:


- smartphones, mobile phones, cordless phones and slate tablets from 20th June 2025;
- household tumble dryer and a local space heater from 1st July 2025;
- fan driven by a motor with an electric input power between 125 W and 500 kW from 24th July 2025.

These energy related products will need to comply with the new ecodesign and energy labelling measures before being placed on the market in Northern Ireland from the date specified.



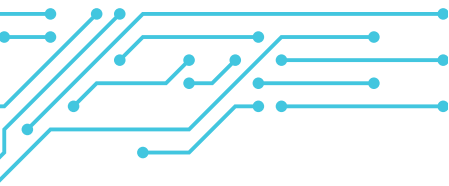
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Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025

These Regulations come into force in Northern Ireland on 29th November 2025 and amend the Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors Regulations 2001 in order to give effect to changes to an EU Directive as required by the Windsor Framework Agreement. These changes update the methods by which airborne noise is tested and reduce the reporting requirements for manufacturers in Northern Ireland.



ISO 45001

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025

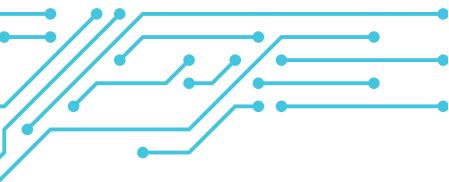
This Act, commonly known as Martyn's Law, gained Royal assent on 3rd April 2025 and is intended to improve public safety and security at premises and events. The Act places obligations on people who control qualifying premises (certain specified premises, such as shops and restaurants, that are reasonably expected to host at least 200 people) and qualifying events (public events with entry control measures, such as ticketing checks, that are reasonably expected to attract at least 800 people). The obligations on those controlling qualifying premises or qualifying events are to:

- notify the Security Industry Authority (SIA) of their premises; and
- have in place, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection procedures to be followed if an act of terrorism were to occur at the premises, or in the immediate vicinity.



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Additional obligations are placed for qualifying premises that are reasonably expected to host at least 800 people and qualifying events:

- have in place, so far as reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection measures that could be expected to reduce both (i) the vulnerability of the premises or event to an act of terrorism, and (ii) the risk of physical harm being caused to individuals if an attack were to occur there or nearby. For example, enhanced duty premises will be required, so far as reasonably practicable, to implement measures relating to the monitoring of the premises and their immediate vicinity; and
- document the public protection procedures and measures in place, or proposed to be put in place, and provide this document to the SIA. This document should include an assessment of how the public protection procedures and measures reduce vulnerability and/or the risk of harm.

A commencement date for the Act is yet to be published, but the Government has indicated that there will be an implementation period of at least two years before the Act comes into force.

News

Regulatory Position Statement: Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR)

The Environment Agency has published a Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) that applies to the pEPR obligations contained in the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024. The RPS delays the introduction of nation of sale and self-managed organisational waste data collection and reporting under pEPR until 2026. The Environment Agency will withdraw this RPS on 31st December 2026.

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