

Legislation Outlook

November 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's update highlights health and safety legislation changes for drone operators and a new RPS for compost and digestate producers.

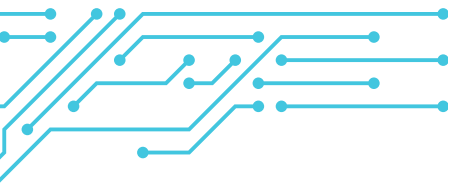
Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 45001

Unmanned Aircraft (Amendment) Regulations 2025

These Regulations come into force on 1st January 2026 and amend Regulation (EU) 2019/947 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft to make various changes to the rules that apply to the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including drones and model aircraft. The changes include:

- updating the name of the operational sub-categories for the 'open' category of operations from A1, A2, and A3 to 'Over people (A1)', 'Near people (A2)', and 'Far from people (A3)', making their purpose more immediately understandable and helping users better recall and comply with the rules;
- creating an exception to the operational requirements for operations undertaken in an area which is wholly or mainly enclosed and where no uninvolved person is present;



- requiring UAS operators to register themselves with the Civil Aviation Authority when operating in the 'open' category with a UAS which is equipped with a camera and has a maximum take-off mass (MTOM) of 100g or more;
- permitting UAS with an MTOM of less than 100g to operate in the Over People (A1) subcategory of the open category;
- amending the Over People (A1) subcategory to:
 - allow UK1 class marking UAS (less than 900g) to fly over people who are not involved in the operation, but not assemblies of people; and
 - require pilots of all UAS other than UAS with an MTOM of less than 100g to pass an online examination covering various topics related to UAS and air safety;
- creating a new operational requirement for legacy UAS (UAS placed on the market before 1 January 2026) operating in the Near People (A2) subcategory, such legacy UAS must be operated at a safe horizontal distance of at least 50 metres from uninvolved persons;
- amending the Far from People (A3) subcategory to require operations to be conducted at a distance of at least 50 metres horizontally from uninvolved people or any buildings; and
- requiring class 3 UAS (less than 25kg) to be equipped with a green flashing light for night operations.



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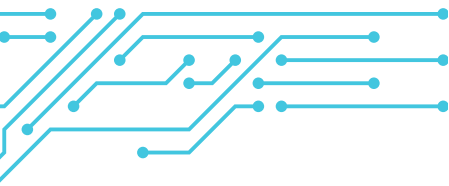


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News

New RPS: Storing PAS 100 or PAS 110 compliant material at site of production

The Environment Agency has published a new Regulatory Position Statement setting out the criteria where the EA will not enforce the need for an environmental permit in relation to the storage of BSI certified PAS 100 compost or PAS 110 digestate at the site of production or a storage site under your control. To take advantage of the RPS you will need to email the EA with your details before 31st December 2025. The RPS expires on 20th October 2026.



Consultations

The Health and Safety Executive have published two Calls for Evidence to review the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) and the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (PSSR) with the aim of gathering information to help identify and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and identify whether the current application of the regulations reflects technological advances. Both consultations close on 11th November 2025.

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