

# Legislation Outlook

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This monthly legislation briefing is a **supplement** to your Activ Comply service to help you to **plan ahead** for maintenance of your ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001/ISO 45001, ISO 50001 and ISO 27001 systems. In addition to giving you advance warning about important legislation that will affect your compliance with the standards, we'll provide news, newly-published guidance and government consultations that you might find useful, as well as any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed that we think may have an impact on your organisation. Unlike other services, we only report items of value: we don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees or changes that only affect enforcement agencies.

When legislative changes are announced with short notice (<1 month) they are not reported here. All changes are automatically delivered direct into your [Activ Comply](#) system as they come into effect so you can be confident that you are always 100% up to date.

A wealth of Brexit related legislation continues to be published on a daily basis. It is due to come into force on 'exit day'. Most of it will not affect your legal obligations. If/when exit day is confirmed Activ Comply will be updated and we will advise you of any relevant changes.

## Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

A substantial amount of legislation is coming into force on 1 April. As always, Activ Comply has been updated accordingly. If any of these changes are going to affect you, you will receive an update notification from your Activ Comply system.

### ISO 14001

#### Alternative Fuel Labelling and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019

The majority of the provisions in these [Regulations](#) come into force on 1 September 2019, when fuel retailers will need to label refuelling points in order to provide specified information to users about the fuel they dispense. From April 2020, vehicle manufacturers and dealers will need to ensure that vehicles are labelled with information about the fuel type that a vehicle can use.

### OHSAS 18001 / ISO 45001

#### Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2019

These [Regulations](#) come into force on 12 June 2019 to remove some of the restrictions contained in the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 that were due to come into force in July 2019. The most important restrictions removed from the 2012 Regulations are the prevention of the second-hand sale of electrical equipment, due to incompatibility with the waste hierarchy, and the inability to repair or upgrade equipment with new cables or spare parts, which was found to be undesirable from both an environmental and economic perspective.

#### Regulation (EU) 2019/521 amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

This [Regulation](#) will come into force on 17 October 2020. It will amend Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (the CLP Regulations), primarily by introducing a new hazard class for desensitised explosives and a new hazard category, pyrophoric gases, within the hazard class flammable gases. Changes are also being made to the technical provisions and criteria in Annexes I, II, III, IV, V, and VI to the CLP Regulations to take account of updates to the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals of the United Nations. If you manufacture, import, supply or use chemicals you should review the new Regulation to see if there will be any impact on your organisation from these changes.

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## News

### HSE Safety Alert Issued for Platform Lifts

Following a number of incidents where the landing doors of platform lifts have opened when the platform/lift is not at the landing, the HSE has issued a [safety alert](#) aimed at companies providing maintenance of platform lifts and owners/operators of platform lifts used by people with impaired mobility.

The safety alert identifies a number of issues that can arise as a result of wear or inappropriate maintenance together with the actions required from lift maintenance companies and owners and operators of the vertical lifting platforms to address these issues.

### Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) forms update

The HSE is aiming to update the suite of RIDDOR Forms by the end of April 2019. This update will modernise the forms but will not affect the functionality and reporting requirements. As a result of the changes, notifiers will no longer receive an email copy of an updated form but will be able to download a pdf copy after submission. The new forms can be viewed [here](#).

## Consultations

### Energy Efficiency Scheme for Small and Medium Sized Businesses

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Treasury have launched a [call for evidence](#) in which they are seeking views from SMEs on proposals for an energy efficient scheme aimed at commercial and industrial building energy efficiency. Responses are required by 8 May 2019 and will be followed by a full consultation on the preferred option later in 2019.

### WEEE: Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) Balancing System (PBS)

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has issued a [consultation](#) seeking comments on proposals from two external organisations for the WEEE Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) Balancing System (PBS) and in particular which of the proposals and administrators best meet the evaluation criteria. The consultation closes on 15 April 2019.

## Coming Soon: Agreements Manager

A new Activ module is in development, providing a simple, systematic way to catalogue, manage and assess your compliance against the 'other requirements' that your organisation is committed to, such as contracts or codes of practice. Use as a standalone tool, or in combination with Comply for comprehensive management of your legal and other requirements.

Would you like to trial Agreements Manager for free? We are looking for a small group of Activ customers to use Agreements Manager in their organisations to help us refine it before its public launch later this year. In exchange for your feedback and improvement suggestions over a 6-week period, you'll get full access to Agreements Manager for 6 months entirely free.

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