

Legislation Outlook

July 2018

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 of 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.

June was another very quiet month for legislation relating to environment, health and safety, energy or information security.

However, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 passed into law, paving the way for a potentially significant amount of future legislation relevant to the standards. Details below.

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

There was no relevant standard-related legislation announced in June with an effective date of July onwards.

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Other Legislation

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

This [Act of Parliament](#) received Royal Assent on 26 June and governs the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU at 11pm on 29 March 2019 (this is referred to as "exit day" in the Act). From exit day it will repeal the European Communities Act 1972, which currently gives effect to EU law, and also ensures that EU-derived domestic legislation (e.g. UK regulations based on EU directives) and direct EU legislation (e.g. EU regulations) continue to have effect in domestic law on and after exit day.

In order to overcome difficulties arising from the retained EU-based legislation, the Act grants powers to the Government to make any regulations necessary to either remedy a failure of retained EU law to operate effectively or implement the withdrawal agreement. It is anticipated that this will require a substantial amount of new legislation in the areas of environmental, health and safety, energy and information security law in due course.

Post-EU, as now, the Activ Comply team will analyse and interpret all new legislation so you don't have to. You will continue to be automatically alerted and kept up to date with relevant changes direct into your Activ Comply system as the legislative landscape for the UK evolves.

News

New Environmental Strategy for London Unveiled

The Mayor of London has launched the [London Environment Strategy](#), with the aim of reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions, increasing access to public open space, and addressing unsustainable water and electricity demand. The plan sets a target that, by 2050, London will be zero carbon, zero waste city and have the best air quality of any major world city.

Guidance

The HSE has announced that its [Diving information Sheets](#) (DVIS) have been updated. DVIS 5, 7 and 9 have been significantly updated in consultation with industry. DVIS 12 and 13 incorporate minor updates to align with the current version of the relevant [Approved Codes of Practice](#) (L103, L104, L105, L106 and L107). DVIS 11 is currently under review.

Consultations

Ozone-depleting substances

The EU has launched a [consultation](#) to evaluate the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, which regulates the use of equipment containing ozone-depleting controlled substances, such as fire protection systems, refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump equipment.

Flood risk assessment in Scotland

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on how the new National Flood Risk Assessment informs the identification of areas for flood risk management planning.

Manual handling

The HSE has launched an informal consultation prior to updating the INDG383 Manual handling assessment charts (also known as the MAC tool) to reflect the latest scientific knowledge and experience of how the tool is used in the workplace. To participate in the consultation, involving 15 questions on content and usability, you will need to send your contact email address to MSDPP@hse.gov.uk.

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