

# 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.

New legislation relating to the Standards is once again sparse this month given that Parliament and the Government are focused on Brexit.

It is still unknown whether the UK will leave EU at end of this month. We will publish further information relating to Brexit and its legal impacts as soon as there is certainty.

## Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

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### ISO 14001

#### Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) Regulations 2019

Provisions of these [Regulations](#) come into force on 1 March 2020, requiring CE marking for servers or online data storage products that are placed on the market after that date.

#### Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order 2019 and the Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and Permitting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019

These [Regulations](#) come into force on 1 December 2019 to create criminal offences relating to the prohibition of the use, marketing, importation, cultivation or release into the environment of the invasive alien species specified in [Regulation \(EU\) No 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive species](#).

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## News

### More Than Half of UK Businesses Still Not Fully GDPR Compliant

A survey of UK GDPR decision-makers, conducted by OnePoll on behalf of data security specialists Egress, reveals that 52% of businesses are not fully compliant with the Regulation, more than a year after its implementation. The survey also found that 35% of respondents said there had been a drop in focus once the deadline had passed, saying that GDPR had become less of a priority since implementation, despite more than 37% of respondents revealing that their organisation had been obliged to report a personal data security breach to the ICO in the last 12 months.

## Guidance

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### Hand-Arm Vibration

HSE [guidance book L140](#) has been updated to reflect changes to related legislation, technical advances and experience, with a new layout that emphasises the control and management of risks from exposure to hand-arm vibration (HAV). This update does not change the HSE's policy on the control of HAV.

## Consultations

### Cyber Security

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has issued a [call for views](#) on its proposed approach to maintaining a close relationship with the EU on cyber security following the UK's departure from the EU, in particular in relation to mutual recognition of cyber security certification schemes.

### Energy

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on the draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products (External Power Supplies) Regulations 2020. The draft regulations propose to introduce UK ecodesign requirements for external power supplies which are in line with those the UK supported at EU level in January 2019.

### Fire Safety

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has launched a [consultation](#) outlining the government's intention to reduce the trigger height at which sprinkler systems would be required in new high-rise blocks of flats, and also seeking views on proposals to improve wayfinding signage within blocks of flats, and to install evacuation alert systems for use by fire and rescue services.

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