

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.

Parliament's summer recess means there is a welcome absence of relevant new legislation to report. The prorogation of Parliament ahead of a new Queen's Speech scheduled for 14 October means it is unlikely there will be any legislation to report next month either.

We will provide guidance on likely Brexit impacts when the position is clearer.

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

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

At Activ Comply we have been preparing for the anticipated surge in legislation associated with Brexit ever since Article 50 was triggered over two years ago. We are resourced and ready to analyse the increased volume of new legislation quickly to ensure that Activ Comply remains fully up-to-date at all times. As ever, your Activ Comply system will filter out all the noise and highlight only the specific changes that are relevant to your organisation. All you need to do to stay current is run a new legal compliance questionnaire; all relevant updates are delivered automatically.

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News

Safety Alert: Industrial Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS)

The HSE has issued a safety alert relating to the use of ICAR capacitors in industrial uninterruptable power supply (UPS) systems due to potential fire risks from overheating and any consequential issues arising from the possible loss of power to connected equipment. Capacitor model numbers known to be affected are ICAR LNF-P3B-200-27 and ICAR LNF-P3X-200-38. The HSE recommends prompt replacement of both capacitor models and reviewing ventilation and cooling requirements for UPS systems.

Safety Alert: Steam Condensate-Induced Water Hammer

Following an incident in which three people were injured, the HSE has issued a safety notice to remind duty-holders about condensate-induced water hammer, and their responsibilities in terms of the maintenance and operation of steam systems. Duty-holders should remind themselves about the phenomenon of water hammer in steam systems and ensure suitable measures are taken to prevent the occurrence of such events, including the appropriate operation and maintenance of such systems on their sites. The HSE has also recommended that the five point action plan detailed in the Safety Assessment Federation factsheet "[potential hazards created by water hammer in steam systems](#)" is considered.

Consultations

Ill Health-Related Job Loss

The Department for Work & Pensions and the Department of Health and Social Care have launched a [consultation](#) seeking views on their proposed package of measures which aim to reduce ill health-related job loss by encouraging early and supportive action by employers for their employees with health conditions.

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