

Legislation Outlook

August 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.

A relatively quiet month for long lead-time legislation, but we are still seeing plenty of short lead-time legislation being published. We will continue to provide details of these where they are relevant to you.

Upcoming Standard-Related Legislation

ISO 14001

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

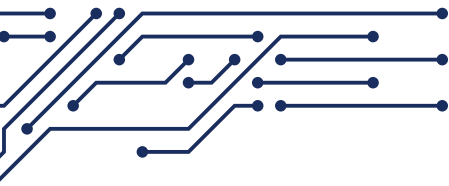
These Regulations come into force in England on 7th October 2025 and amend the Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (England) Regulations 2017 to:

- insert a definition of marketing (“the sale, holding with a view to a sale, offer for sale, and any disposal, supply or transfer aimed at commercial exploitation of propagating material or fruit plants to third parties, whether or not for consideration”) to ensure clarity over what activities are covered by the regulations;

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- insert a requirement that supplier documents moving with CAC grade fruit plants must state if the variety is genetically modified;
- add the pests Tobacco Ringspot Virus, Tomato Ringspot Virus and Pucciniastrum minimum (blueberry rust) as Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests (RNQP) on hosts;
- add requirements related to the site of production, testing and inspection in respect of the addition of these RNQPs on their respective hosts;
- remove Fig Mosaic Agent as an RNQP due to the lack of recorded economic impacts;
- remove Candidatus Phytoplasma australiense as an RNQP as this is a quarantine pest for Great Britain; and
- modify requirements in relation to site of production, testing and inspection for Candidatus Phytoplasma pyri (pear decline phytoplasma) to bring them in line with similar pests.

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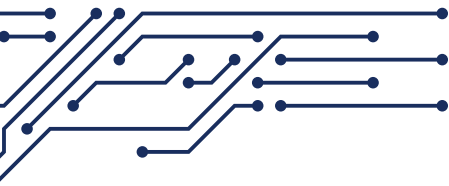
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ISO 45001

Fire Safety (Residential Evacuation Plans) (England) Regulations 2025

These Regulations come into force in England on 6th April 2026 to support the fire safety of disabled residents of high-rise residential buildings (those at least 18 metres above ground level or with at least seven storeys) and residential buildings over 11 metres in height that have simultaneous evacuation strategies in place. New duties are imposed on the Responsible Persons (usually the building owners or managers) to:



- identify and engage relevant residents in order to conduct person-centred fire risk assessments (where one is requested), consider potential fire safety measures to implement, and to record and provide the resident with a written record of what the resident has agreed to do in the case of a fire;
- provide specific information on relevant residents to the local Fire and Rescue Authority, if the resident explicitly consents, to support them with their emergency response, including the evacuation and rescue of relevant residents if necessary; and
- prepare building level evacuation plans and share them with the local Fire and Rescue Authority.

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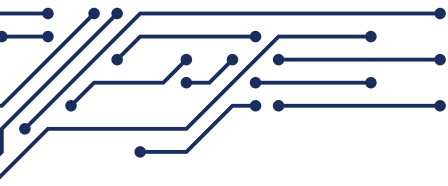
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News

Regulatory Position Statement: Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR) fibre-based composite and paper and board obligations

The Environment Agency has published a new Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) to allow for the use of the amended definitions of 'fibre-based composite' and 'paper and board' prior to the amendments coming into effect on 1st January 2026 when complying with producer responsibility obligations for 2025. This will allow producer packaging data to be reported in line with the forthcoming definitions and prevent the need to resubmit data. The RPS will be withdrawn on 31st January 2027.



Safety Notice: Display Screen Stands

The Health and Safety Executive have published a [Safety Notice](#) warning about the dangers of serious injury caused by motorised height-adjustable display screen wall mounts intended for use in schools and educational establishments following incidents involving this type of equipment falling forward resulting in significant impact and crushing injury to young children.

The Safety Notice sets out the actions that the HSE requires users, installers, manufacturers and suppliers to take to mitigate the risk of serious injury.

Consultations

International Transfers Guidance

The Information Commissioner's Office has published a [consultation](#) seeking views on its current guidance on international data transfers in order to update the guidance and make it easier to transfer data safely. The consultation closes on 7th August.

Waste Batteries Permitted Facilities

The Environment Agency has published a [consultation](#) seeking views on its proposed technical guidance that sets out the appropriate measures for permitted facilities that store or treat separate collections of waste batteries with the aim of setting out clear standards for the design and operation of those facilities. The consultation closes on 8th September 2025.

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