

Gas Industry Liaison Group
Notes and Actions
Thursday 17th November at 10.00am
Energy & Utility Skills, Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Shirley.

1. Attendance/Apologies.

Reuben Smith	SWAT Gas
Ian Moss (IM)	EU Skills
Malcolm Greetham (MG)	EU Skills
Bruce Bennett (BB)	Gas Safe Register
John Forrest (JF)	GATC
David Dumaresq-Lucas (DDL)	Brookhouse Training
Ben Kutcha (BK)	Quantic Corporation
Tony Hopton (TH)	Home Serve
Mick Hallam (MH)	ROMECC
Simon Fisher (SF)	National Grid Metering
Bill Dyer (BD)	T Brown Group
Michael Ovenden (MO)	Domestic Gas Services
Neill Ovenden (NO)	Domestic Gas Services
Andy Brewer (AB)	ENGIE
Joe Beesley	Fusion Engineering
Tahsina Khan (TK)	ICOM
Terry Cobain (TC)	UK Certs
Peter Lennon (NG)	National Grid
Paul O'Driscoll (PO'D)	The AA
Stevie McCue (SMc)	GMB

Guests

Christine Bridge (CB)	HSE
Alison Lawrence (AL)	Accent MR
Rob Sheldon (RS)	Accent MR

Apologies

Paul Smoker	Dixons Car Phone
Mike Walton	OPGO
Dave Chinn	National Grid
Peter Winnett (PW)	Riello Burners
Stephen Simcott	Iberdrola Group
Barry Matthews	OPGO

2. Gas Safe Register Re-Tender process (Christine Bridge, HSE)

Christine on behalf of the HSE delivered a presentation (see attached) to the group outlining the history, current performance statistics and the need for consultation with industry prior to the re-tender of the Gas Safe Register.

Also attached is a summary of the key themes of the feedback HSE have received to date.

3. Gas Safe Register - Decade Review (Alison Lawrence, Accent)

Alison Lawrence and Rob Sheldon from Accent Market Research delivered a presentation (see attached) outlining a review being carried out regarding the Gas Safety Industry and facilitated two work groups to discuss the following subject areas:

- The industry and how it's changed
- Engineers
- Training, skills maintenance and competence
- Gas Safe Register
- The future

The findings of the review will be fed back to HSE prior to the commencement of the re-rendering process.

4. Standards Consultation Forum - update.

4.1. CD 81 (ISU 061) IGEN/UP/3 Edition 3 Gas fuelled spark ignition and dual-fuel engines

Revisions have been made to the standard in the following key areas:

- Scope
- Legislation and Standards
- Engine installation
- Supply pressure
- Gas supply pipework
- Facilities for testing and purging
- Hazardous area classification
- Air supplies
- Exhaust system
- Purging of an engine when incorporated with associated CHP equipment
- Biogas

Matters of Gas Safety criteria affected

Non-domestic, Natural Gas & LPG, Gas fuelled engines (CGFE1)

4.2. CD 82 (ISU 062) Technical Bulletin 055 Duties of Landlords

Revisions to the TB can be found in the following key areas:

- Recording defects
- Tenants own gas appliances
- Effective maintenance

Matters of Gas Safety criteria.

Only minor change were introduced in this revision and whilst continued development of the wider Industry's knowledge is important, these specific items will have no effect matters of gas safety for the gas operative.

4.3. CD 83 (ISU 063) The Gas industry Unsafe Situations procedure – Edition 7.1

Review current ACS criteria information as regards GIUSP

4.4. CD 84 (ISU 064) IGEN/UP/10 Edition 4 with amendments – March 2016 Installation of flued gas appliance in industrial and commercial premises

Revisions have been made to Edition 4 of the standard in the following key areas:

- Scope, Clause 2.1
- Primary legislation, Clause 3.1.1
- Location of appliances and pipework, Clause 5.1.6
- Ventilation, Section 7
- Chimneys and Flues, section 8, plus associated appendices.

Matters of Gas Safety criteria:

Review and amend ACS criteria information as regards the relevant assessments affected i.e. ICAE 1, CIGA1, and CORT1.

4.5. CD 85 (ISU 065) PD 54823: 2016 Guidance for the design, commissioning and maintenance of LPG systems in small craft.

Revisions have been made to the standard in the following key areas:

- Normative references, Section 2
- Terms and definitions, Section 3
- Pressure Regulation devices, Section 5
- LPG Supply line, Section 6
- Appliances, Section 7

Matters of Gas Safety criteria:

Revise and amend ACS assessment criteria as regards CCLPIB, and Changeover to Boats.

4.6. CD 86 (ISU 066) BS 6400 – Specification for installation, exchange, relocation, maintenance and removal of gas meters with a maximum capacity not exceeding 6m³/h – Part 1: Low pressure (2nd family gases).

Revisions to the standard have been made to the standard in the following key areas:

- Scope
- Terms and Definitions, Section 3
- Planning and consultation, Section 4
- Competence, Section 5
- Design, Section 6
- Meter work, Section 8
- Notices, Section 11
- Post installation checks and actions, Section 16
- Maintenance, Section 17

Matters of Gas Safety criteria:

Revise and amend ACS assessment criteria as regards CCLPIB, and Changeover to Boats.

4.7. CCLP1 EPC (External Pipework Connections) re-assessment.

Re-assessment criteria has been developed.

4.8. Old Normative references in LPG assessments when NG operatives only get assessed on current references.

RP on behalf of the CBs raised the issue surrounding the use of old normative references in the LPG MoGS, a solution would be to replace the references with up to date references from current normative standards i.e. LPG codes of practice, BSI or IGEM standards. It was agreed by the group that MG with help from UKLP would take a look at this.

Action MG/RH: identify replacements to the non-current normative references.

4.9. ENA low pressure letter.

Further to discussions at the previous SCF and SMB meetings, HHIC facilitated a meeting to discuss the detail and potential affects to installers/service engineers

working in customer's premises. The issues are ongoing and will be reported back to the SCF and SMB when available.

Dave Thorley has agreed to speak with the other networks with a view of producing Technical Bulletin for publication by Gas Safe Register.

4.10. Sub-meters.

Existing ACS criteria for domestic meters i.e. MET1 includes secondary meters in the scope. This is not the case with non-domestic meters as MET4, CMET1 and CMET2 excludes secondary meters from the scope. This decision was made by the previous scheme committee for ACS as it was deemed that secondary meters are not included in the scope of GM6 and GM8. After further discussions with IGEM it was suggested that sub-meters which include both secondary meters and check meters are covered in UP/2. However, where there is a clear definition for check meters in that their installation is part of the pipework, the definition for secondary meters is less clear.

Following discussions at the SMB it has been agreed to look at the criteria for Limited Scope pipe fitters (ICPN1 LS) to include additional criteria for the installation of meters.

Action MG: amend criteria and circulate to the SCF members for comment

4.11. CMA3

IM notified the group that a number of issues have arisen over the use of the new CMA3 criteria in whether CMA3 should be a pre-requisite for MET4. MG proposed that to enable the installation of U16 meters in domestic premises rather than domestic installers holding MET4, U16 meters should be included in MET1. This proposal was accepted in principle and would be subject to ratification by the SMB.

Action IM: notify proposed changes to SMB for ratification.

5. Member's items.

5.1. RQF, Trailblazer Standards, MLP's and NOS (Ian Moss)

This item will be carried over to the next meeting. However, IM did share with the group that there will be an Industry consultation regarding the current National Occupational Standards for Gas. The consultation will run from 1st December 2016 to the 3rd January 2017.

5.2. Access to Gas Safe registered engineers holding the CMDDA1 accreditation (Ben Kuchta).

BK raised a discussion point regarding the possibility including CMDDA1 in the domestic core gas safety criteria. After further discussions it was agreed that some of the criteria e.g. sweep rest could be included in the criteria but to include too much would be impractical.

Ben also asked how best to make the engineers who hold CMDDA1 should be readily available on the Gas Safe Register IM agreed to speak with Gas Safe Register to establish if anything can be done.

5.3. Issue regarding servicing quality and minimum requirements highlighted in the 'Which' report. (Joe Beesley).

JB asked the group if the GILG could offer support and become involved in the issues being highlighted in the recent findings in a 'Which' report. BB stated that the line of inquiry would be through the HSE. IM added that this has been discussed by the SMB

and should there be an opportunity for the GILG to become involved then he would notify the group.

6. IGEM/IG/1

6.1. Implementation Process

Further to the presentation of a paper from the Awarding Organisations at a previous SMB meeting outlining a proposal for the implementation of IGEM/IG/1. To avoid a possible conflict of interests with the EEIAS, it had been proposed by the Awarding Organisations that the audits are carried out by EU Skills (Ian Moss). IM has identified that an independent auditor should also be involved and has requested that Troy Dyson who has previous auditing experience within the Gas Industry including training becomes involved in the process. It is envisaged that the audit will be carried out as a desk top audit at the AOs premise and will take no longer than one day in duration, providing no major non-conformities are identified.

7. Job Practice Analysis (ACS scheme).

Following the evaluation by a SCF working group of the domestic Matters of Gas Safety criteria documents, a proposal for a new re-assessment strategy has been through a consultation process with the SCF members to decide whether to develop and implement this model. The aims of the proposed re-assessment strategy are to:

- Make re-assessment more relevant to the work categories undertaken by a gas engineer
- Reduce K&U assessment criteria
- Increase focus on performance criteria
- Increase rigor on gas safety checks assessments i.e. GSIUR 26(9) requirements
- Use assessment performance to recognise and address training needs

Following the consultation and subsequent ratification by the SMB, a number of workshops have been arranged with nominated parties from the SCF. A rationale for all proposed changes will be presented to the GILG and SCF members.

8. AOB

No AOB was raised.

Date of next meetings: to be held at EU Skills, Friars Gate, 1011, Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN.

Thursday 9th February 2017