

**Gas Industry Liaison Group
Notes and Actions
Wednesday 11th May 2017 at 10.00am
Energy & Utility Skills, Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Shirley.**

1. Attendance/Apologies.

Reuben Smith	SWAT Gas (Chair)
Ian Moss (IM)	Energy & Utility Skills (Secretariat)
Malcolm Greetham (MG)	Energy & Utility Skills
Bruce Bennett (BB)	Gas Safe Register
Barry Matthews (BM)	OPGO
Paul Smoker (PS)	Knowhow
Paul Delahay (PD)	Knowhow
Paul Garside (PG)	Sodexo
Tony Hopton (TH)	Home Serve
Mick Hallam (MH)	Royal Mail Property & Facilities Solutions
Bill Dyer (BD)	T Brown Group
Neill Ovenden (NO)	Domestic Gas Services
Stephen Simcott (SS)	Scottish Power
John Forest (JF)	GATC
Steve Hughes (SH)	Cadent
Duncan Vallance (DV)	NICEIC

Apologies

Peter Winnett	Riello Burners
Ben Kutcha	Quantic Corporation
Andy Brewer	ENGIE
David Dumaresq-Lucas	Brookhouse Training
Simon Fisher	National Grid Metering
Joe Beesley	Fusion Engineering
Tahsina Khan	ICOM
Jonathan Kane	Kane International

2. Minutes from previous GILG meeting (09. 02. 17)

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

3. Standards Consultation Forum - update.

3.1. ISU 067 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 2: Location, housing and compounds Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 2: Location, housing and compounds, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.2. ISU 068 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 3: Fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 3: Fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.3. ISU 069 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 4: Operation and Maintenance Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 4: Operation and Maintenance, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.4. ISU 070 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 5: Notices and Labels Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 5: Notice and Labels, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.5. ISU 071 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 1: Design Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 5: Design has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.6. ISU 072 IGEM/UP/4 Edition 4 Commissioning of gas-fired plant on industrial and commercial premises.

Industry Standard IGEM/UP/4 Edition 4, Commissioning of gas fired plant on industrial and commercial premises has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- Directly
 - CCP1

- Indirectly
 - CCLNG1
 - CLE1
 - COCN1
 - CIGA1
 - CORT1
 - CDGA1

It was noted that in addition to the general changes to the affected assessment criteria further changes may occur under a Job Practice Analysis.

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

An issue surrounding the use of old normative references in the LPG MoGS had been raised at a previous meeting, 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. This an on-going issue and will be dealt with under the general maintenance of the assessment criteria.

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

3.8. CMA3

IM notified the group that the version of CMA3 (including Pipework) recently published on the Matters of Gas Safety criteria disc is being downloaded against existing framework qualifications and has also received a number of applications for an extension to scope by the Certification Bodies.

3.9 Category 1, 2, and 3 entry levels

IM informed the group, that the entry levels to ACS i.e. Category 1, 2 and 3 are being looked at, also the criteria for Limited scope and movement from one 'Core' to another e.g. Domestic to Non-Domestic would be assessed. An SCF working group is to provide a proposal paper for discussion at the various networks groups e.g. SCF and GILG. One of the main issues is the process needed for individuals who come into the industry through a narrow scope of work be asked to take additional mandatory training unless they have worked in the industry for a significant period. The discussions are ongoing and therefore regular updates will be provided to the GILG members.

3.10 Safe Electrical Isolation

MG: raised the discussion point regarding the inclusion of Electrical Safety in the MoGS criteria, it is however, included in the Training material but not assessed. The group were asked to provide feedback to whether they feel Electrical criteria should be included in the MoGS re-assessment criteria.

Action All: feedback to IM regarding the Electrical criteria.

3.11 Technical Bulletin 071 (Low pressure)

MG notified the group that the recent changes to Technical Bulletin 071 would be included in the relevant Matters of Gas Safety criteria.

4. Member's items.

4.1. Intermediate pressure (Simon Fisher)

IM raised an issue on behalf of Simon Fisher (National Grid Metering) of there being a potential qualifications gap for operatives who work on Intermediate Pressure gas installations. It is felt that options need discussing / agreeing in order that this can be analysed via industry consultation. IM agreed to raise the issue at the next SCF meeting.

Action IM: raise issues surrounding the lack of qualifications for operatives working on Intermediate Pressure Gas systems.

4.2. Trailblazer Standards (Paul Smoker)

PS notified the group that 'Knowhow' intended to start a number of apprentices on the new apprenticeship standard in November of 2017. His query was regarding when the Matters of Gas safety criteria i.e. ACS should be assessed within the learning programme. IM stated that this is dependent on the Assessment Plan for the specific apprenticeship i.e. Gas engineering and could be either during the on programme or as part of the end point assessment. Should it be part of the end point assessment then the organisation procured to carry out the end point assessment role should be able to fulfil that role i.e. independently assess the candidates in the appropriate Matters of Gas Safety criteria. The alternative would be to put the learners through ACS, IM stressed that either route would include the same Matters of Gas safety criteria relevant to the role being assessed. IM also pointed out that any organisation wishing to provide the End Point assessment service would be required to be registered on the 'Register of Apprenticeship Assessment Organisations'.

Action IM: to provide further clarification.

4.3. OPGO response to TB071 (Barry Matthews)

BM raised the ongoing issue of Low Pressure (see attached letter) and in particular issues regarding TB 071. After further discussions it was agreed to raise the issue at the next SCF but also await feedback from the meeting held at IGEM (scheduled for Thursday 8th June 2017)

Action IM/MG: to feedback regarding the meeting at IGEM at the next GILG meeting

5. IGEM/IG/1

5.1. Implementation Process

IM provided an update on the implementation of IGEM/IG/1 standard in that, the Awarding Organisations are being independently assessed by an auditor appointed by the SMB, these Audits should be completed by the end of June with full implementation being targeted for the 1st October 2017. Once full implementation has been achieved then Training providers will have a choice to who shall approve their training, all approved 'Recognisers of Training' are to be listed on the Energy & Utility Skills website, with individual training providers listed on Guidance Note 8.

5.2. IGEM/IG/1 Governance

IM notified the group that a proposal for the 'Governance' of IGEM/IG/1 was being worked on by a SMB working group and that it was the intention that an independent body become responsible for the implementation and operation of IGEM/IG/1 by all training providers who offer training for new entrants onto the Gas Safe Register i.e.

working under the scope of the GSIUR. The working group is to report their findings at the next SMB meeting (13.06.17).

6. 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 is being worked on by a SCF working group. Once the proposal has been drafted, it will be circulated to the GILG and SCF for comment.

7. Group Competence Scheme

IM updated the group on the Group Competence Scheme in that, DencoHappel had been approved to deliver the Group Competence scheme for their Gas Safe Registered Engineers and that the following companies are nearing certification to use the Group Competency Scheme, Advanti Gas and Aaron Services. Also, Stroma Certification have been accredited by UKAS to certificate the ISO 17021 scheme.

8. Trailblazer Standards

IM updated the group regarding the current discussions between Energy & Utility Skills and Gas Safe Register regarding a download agreement between organisations registered with the Register of Apprenticeship Assessment Organisations (RoAAO). Currently there are two different types of agreement i.e. UKAS accredited organisations and OFQUAL accredited organisations. Once an agreement is in place it will enable organisations who deliver 'End Point Assessments' as part of an Apprenticeship Standard award to be able to download candidate's details to Gas Safe Register, providing they have successfully completed the relevant Matters of Gas Safety Criteria associated with their apprenticeship.

9. AOB

MG: invited the group to raise any issues regarding the Matters of Gas safety criteria to himself.

BM: with regard to TB 071, he requested that the TB should be withdrawn until all issues could be rectified. **IM agreed to raise at the next SCF.**

BM: Gas cylinders next to Oil tanks, to whether there was any guidance, the answer came back as Building regulations document J and the Unsafe Situations procedures.

PS: Query to how Gas Tumble Dryers be dealt with during a gas escape, the general advice would be to turn off all gas appliances and ventilate the property.

SH: notified the group that National Grid Gas Distribution has been named as 'Cadent'.

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

Wednesday 16th August 2017

Wednesday 15th November 2017