

Standards Consultation Forum
Notes and Actions
Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 10.00am
Teams Meeting

1. Attendance

Trevor Smallpeice (TS)	TS Enterprises (Chair)
Richard Harper (RH)	Energy & Utility Skills (Secretariat)
Tony Ganner (TG)	Plumbers Teachers Association
David Whitehead (DW)	NCC
Neil Macdonald (NM)	HHIC
Ella Cooper (EC)	ICOM
Neil Moran (NM)	British Gas
John Findlay (JFi)	Certification Bodies
Graeme Dryden (GD)	APHC
Malcolm Greetham (MGr)	Energy & Utility Skills
David Smith (DJ)	Gas Safe Register
Peter Hurst (PHu)	IGEM
Jessica Jarvis (JJ)	GDN's
Peter Platten (PP)	GILG
Sunendra PV (SPV)	IGEM
Peter Baulch (PB)	CESA
Richard Hakeem (RHa)	Liquid Gas UK
John Forrest (JF)	GILG
Rob Grant (RG)	BESA
Jerry Whiteley (JW)	CIPHE
Martyn Raine (MR)	SNIPEF

Apologies

Gavin Jones	BSI
Peter Fawbert	Large Business Forum
Martin Garbutt	Homeserve / GCS
Brett Johnson	British Gas

2. Minutes and actions from previous SCF meeting (03.03.21)

The minutes were approved by the attendees.

The actions were confirmed as closed or included within today's agenda

3. SCF Membership List

The membership list was reviewed, and the majority of members had confirmed that their details were correct.

TS suggested all those that have not responded are contacted individually asap and those that did not reply are removed from the list as it could be assumed, they were not interested in joining the meetings.

Action TS/RH: Contact the members that have not responded to confirm their details are correct.

4 Standards Update**4.1 IGEM Update**

Sunendra PV provided an update on IGEM standards under review, details are contained within document 'TSU for August 2021' circulated with the notes

4.2 BSI

RH said he is not aware of any BSI standards that are due for publication. **RHa** mentioned that BS6400-3 (LPG meters) requires updating.

4.3 Liquid Gas UK

RHa provided an update: CoP22 has been revised and is currently with the publishers. CoP 7 is also with the publishers. Liquid Gas UK are developing a CoP for LPG meter boxes and meters. **RH** mentioned that it would be useful to understand the different types and number of LPG meter installations. **RHa** mentioned that Liquid Gas UK have been involved in discussions relating to the 'UKCA marking' of appliances and equipment. **DW** mentioned that the NCC have produced a guidance document for using gas flue analysers when servicing Tourers and Motorhomes. (document to be circulated with the notes)

Action RHa: Provide information on the different types of LPG meter installations and if possible, an idea of numbers of installations.

Action RHa: Circulate the link to a BEIS document on UKCA marking

5 Changes to MoGS

5.1 Summary of changes

MGr updated the group on the changes required to matters of gas safety following Industry Standard Updates. Slides to be circulated with the notes

5.2 Safe Electrical Isolation – Feedback from Certification Bodies (CBs)

RH mentioned that all CBs have now agreed to provide data relating to the completion of self-declaration forms. A discussion was held as to whether the next steps should be to introduce a 'trade test' to replace the declaration form. There was a fairly positive response however it was agreed that any trade test will need to be accompanied by a full procedure detailing actions to take if a candidate refuses to take or fails the test.

5.3 Job Practice Analysis (JPA) Re-assessment

RH confirmed that the revised criteria was to be circulated to CBs and UKAS on 1st September for implementation by 1st March 2022.

6. Low Carbon Heating

6.1 Hydrogen

RH mentioned that work was underway to close the gaps in knowledge that were highlighted in the interim hydrogen technical standard and interim training specification.

6.2 Heat Pumps

GD informed the group that a low carbon apprenticeship has been approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IFATE) and that the training material from the apprenticeship will be used for existing engineers wishing to extend their competencies to include low carbon heating.

7. IGEM/IG/1 Update

7.1 IGEM Governance

PHu provided an update: 5 audits have been completed and a further 5 are planned. This leaves 12 audits yet to be planned. Advertising of MLPs is a focus area of the audits and the completed audits have not identified any particular issues. **PHu** mentioned that IGEM have not been informed of any LPG courses being offered to new entrants. A discussion was held on this subject and it is thought that candidates are entering the industry via a natural gas route and then completing a changeover unit to LPG if required.

7.2 Training Specification

RH stated that consultation on the domestic natural gas training specification had closed and the comments were being reviewed on 3rd September. The review of the ESP/metering training specification is ongoing.

8. National Occupational Standards (NOS) Items

RH provided an update on the review of the domestic gas engineer NOS.

Action RH: Circulate the NOS update containing a link to the online consultation.

9. Review of Guidance Note 8

RH mentioned that during the last GN8 review meeting a number of CBs disagreed with the proposal for training for extension to range or scope to be derived from the IGEM training specification. It was suggested by CBs that this would add additional costs to training as not all training centres are approved. It was also

mentioned that CBs had no controls over their non-approved training centres and that if the candidate passed ACS then the training must have been good enough. The SCF discussed this issue and disagreed with these comments and support the proposal that all training should be recognized/approved.

Action RH/TS: Raise the issue of non-approved training with the SMB

10. Any Other Items

A discussion was held relating to apprenticeships where the candidate is required to pass ACS before completing their End Point Assessment (EPA). In some instances, candidates had passed their ACS but then failed their EPA. It was mentioned that although there is some crossover between the two, EPA covers a wider range of subjects and is not limited to gas safety. A number of the group thought that ACS should be the final part of the apprenticeship.

Action RH: Identify why EPA is required after ACS

2021 Meeting Dates

~~3rd March~~

~~2nd June~~

~~1st September~~

24th November

Actions

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3.1	Contact the members that have not responded to confirm their details are correct	RH/TS	open
4.3	Provide information on the different types of LPG meter installations and if possible, an idea of numbers of installations.	RHa	open
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8	Circulate the NOS update containing a link to the online consultation.	RH	open
9	Raise the issue of non-approved training with the SMB	RH/TS	open
10	Identify why EPA is required after ACS	RH	open