

Standards Consultation Forum
Notes and Actions
Wednesday 3rd March 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
Martyn Raine (MR)	SNIPeF
David Whitehead (DW)	NCC
Neil Macdonald (NM)	HHIC
Ella Cooper (EC)	ICOM
Brett Johnson (BJ)	British Gas
Lee Taylor (LT)	Certification Bodies
Martin Garbutt (MG)	Homeserve / GCS
Richard Hakeem (RH)	Liquid Gas UK
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
John Forrest (JF)	GILG
Peter Platten (PP)	GILG

Apologies

Gavin Jones	BSI
Neill Ovenden (NO)	Certification Bodies
Colin Agnew	BESA

2. Minutes and actions from previous SCF meeting (09.12.20)

The minutes were approved by the attendees.
The actions were confirmed as closed

3. SCF Terms of Reference

The Draft terms of reference were discussed, and the standing members list was reviewed.

Action RH: Add the GILG to the standing members list

Action RH: Identify the EU Skills member – both RH & MG represent the SSB

Action RH: to circulate the ToR for members to review and feedback any comments

Action LT: Provide suitable wording for standing members 'j'

3.1. SCF Membership List

The rationale for the membership list was discussed

Action SCF Members: to confirm their details are correct on the membership list and to notify RH if amendments are required by Tuesday 23 March 2021.

4 Standards Update

4.1 IGEM Update

Sunendra PV provided an update on IGEM standards under review, details are contained within IGEM-TSP-21-074 which will be circulated with the minutes

4.2 BSI

RH stated he is not aware of any BSI standards due for issue

4.3 Liquid Gas UK

RHa provided an update – CoP 1 part 4 has been published, CoP 1 part 4 is being proofread and CoP 7 is out for consultation.

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:

Changes to BS 8446 Non Domestic Laundry will affect CCLNG1 & CLE1

IGE/UP/6 Gas Compressors – Gas compressors are not covered within ACS. **MGr** asked members if a non-accredited assessment is required or is evidence of successful completion of manufacturers training sufficient?

The withdrawal of BS 5482 -1 & parts 2 affects CCLP1 EP, CCLP1 EPC, VESP 1 & VESP 2. **MGr** is liaising with the LPG industry (supported by RHa) to determine if they wish to continue with the same number of assessments and align them to sections within CoP 22 or if they would prefer one assessment covering the whole scope of CoP 22. This will be discussed in more detail during the Technical Working Group meeting on 25 March

Action SCF: Notify Malcolm Greetham if you have any views regarding gas compressors

Action SCF: Notify Malcolm Greetham if you wish to join the TWG on 25th March

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

RH reviewed the 'self-declaration' data for Q4 2020 provided by 4 Certification bodies. **TS** mentioned that it was disappointing to see that not all CBs were providing the required data as the self-declaration process was agreed by the SMB and was not challenged by the ABC. **TS** questioned if assessment centers supported by CB's were actively asking candidates to complete the 'self-declaration' form?

Action RH/TS: Raise the issue of assessment centers completion of 'self-declaration' forms with CBs at the SMB

6. Low Carbon Heating

6.1 Hydrogen

RH Asked the SCF if they supported the interim hydrogen technical standard, interim training specification and interim assessment module that was circulated prior to the meeting? **The SCF confirmed their support for the interim standards.** **NM** asked if feedback on members comment submitted during consultation could be shared. **NH** informed the group that the production of 'hydrogen ready' boilers was supported by the manufacturers.

Action RH: Obtain feedback (on comments) from the Energy & Utility Skills project team.

6.2 Heat Pumps

GD mentioned that there is still a big focus on electrification of heat within BEIS and MHCLG and that approximately 90% of air source heat pump installations are in domestic properties and 60 – 65% of ground source heat pumps are in domestic properties. It was also mentioned that there is a level 3 plumbing pathway that includes air source heat pumps.

7. IGEM/IG/1 Update

7.1 IGEM Governance

PH confirmed that IGEM/IG/1 edition 2 has been implemented and that it is available on both the IGEM and EU skills websites. **PH** mentioned that the 2021 audit programme will commence in April. **JF** asked what the consequences of non-compliance were and suggested that external audits of training providers would be beneficial. An SMB subcommittee is being formed to review the complaints procedure.

Action TS/RH: Raise the issue of noncompliance at the next SMB meeting

7.2 Training Specification

RH stated that the revision of the domestic natural gas training specification was nearing completion and that guidance note 8 was to be reviewed at the next meeting on 10th March.

8. Other Items

RH mentioned that the Scottish Development Standards were conducting a review of the domestic gas engineer NOS and advised that there may be some consultation documents circulated with a short timescale for replies.

2021 Meeting Dates

~~3rd March~~

W/C 12th April TBC – Actions review meeting

2nd June

1st September

24th November

Actions

Agenda	Actions meeting 45 (16.09.20)	By	Status
3	Add the GILG to the standing members list	SCF	open
3	Identify the EU Skills member – both RH & MG represent the SSB	RH	open
3	to circulate the ToR for members to review and feedback any comments	RH	open
3	Provide suitable wording for standing members 'j'	LT	open
3.1	to confirm their details are correct on the membership list and to notify RH if amendments are required	SCF	open
5.1	Notify Malcolm Greetham if you have any views regarding gas compressors	SCF	open
5.1	Notify Malcolm Greetham if you wish to join the TWG on 25 th March	SCF	open
5.2	Raise the issue of assessment centers completion of 'self-declaration' forms with CBs at the SMB	TS/RH	open
6.1	Obtain feedback (on comments) from the Energy & Utility Skills project team.	RH	open
7.2	Raise the issue of noncompliance at the next SMB meeting	TS/RH	open