

**Standards Consultation Forum
Notes and Actions
Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 10.00am
Teams Meeting**

1. Attendance

Trevor Smallpeice (TS)	TS Enterprises (Chair)
Richard Harper (RH)	Energy & Utility Skills (Secretariat)
Malcolm Greetham (MG)	Energy & Utility Skills
David Smith (DS)	Gas Safe Register
Tony Ganner (TG)	Plumbers Teachers Association
Martyn Raine (MR)	SNIPeF
David Whitehead (DW)	NCC
Joanne Bone (JB)	IGEM
Neil Macdonald (NM)	HHIC
Ella Cooper (EC)	ICOM
Paul Hull (PH)	Commercia Group
Caroline Lane (CL)	HSE
David Bendle (DB)	British Gas
Jessica Jarvis (JJ)	ESP's
Lee Taylor (LT)	Certification Bodies
Martin Garbutt (MG)	Homeserve / GCS
Peter Fawbert (PF)	LBF
Richard Hakeem (RHa)	Liquid Gas UK
Steve Williams (SW)	NABSE
Vic Tuffen (VT)	GMC
Graeme Dryden (GD)	APHC
Phil Burnett (PB)	

Apologies

Reuben Smith	GILG (Chair)
Craig Barnett	
Gavin Jones	BSI

2. Minutes from previous SCF meeting (17.03.20)

The minutes were approved by the attendees.

3. Standards Update

3.1. IGEM

Joanne Bone provided an update on IGEM standards under review – document IGEM/TSP/20/127

3.2. BSI

Gavin Jones provided the update below

BS 8446 *Installation and maintenance of open-flued, non-domestic gas-fired laundry appliances* is progressing and is due to publish January 2021

BS 6891 *Specification for the installation and maintenance of low pressure gas installation pipework of up to 35 mm (R1 1/4) on premises* is pending a review of changes from the convenor before the business case is written

BS 5440 *Flueing and ventilation for gas appliances* is being reviewed by an ad hoc group led by the panel convenor

3.3. Liquid Gas UK

RHa provided an update – Circulated with Notes

4. Changes to MoGS

4.1. Summary of changes

MG updated the group regarding the following Industry Standard Updates for the new consultation period
BS EN 721 & ISU 094 Leisure accommodation vehicles-safety ventilation requirements.
This Standard update will result in draft changes to CCLP1 LAV & CoNGLP1 LAV

BS 6173 & ISU 095 Installation and maintenance of gas fired catering appliances.
This Standard update will result in draft changes to CCCN1

Liquid Gas UK CoP 1 part 3 & ISU 096 Bulk LPG storage at Fixed Installations , Examination and Inspection .
This Code of Practice update will result in draft changes to CCLP1, CCLP1EP , CCLP1 EPC , VESLP1 & VESLP2

MG also informed the SCF the date and deadline to consult on possible changes to the Matters of Gas Safety due to Standards changes coming in now has now been passed.

4.2. Safe Electrical Isolation – Next Steps

RH confirmed that the self declaration form is being implemented from 1st July 2020 as previously agreed

4.3. Inspector Level Competencies

SW mentioned his concerns relating to people without ACS and Gas Safe Registration carrying out safety inspections on appliances installed on hire boats

Action SW: Discuss the details with CL outside of the SCF meeting

5. Hydrogen

5.1. Training Development

PB delivered a presentation relating to the development of a competency framework for 100% Hydrogen.
Presentation to be shared with the group. PB also mentioned the Hy4Heat competence framework report which had been circulated with a request for comments to be received by 23rd June
LT asked if Hydrogen was to be covered to be under the ISO17024 standard. It has not yet been agreed but it could either sit under ISO17024 or be a non-accredited standard.

6. IGEM/IG/1 Update

JB informed the SCF that the revision of IGEM/IG/1 had now been completed and that the document would shortly be going out for comment for a period of six weeks

6.1. IGEM Governance

RH mentioned that there had been a number of complaints submitted relating to training but upon investigation the complaints were related to those advertising and selling courses rather than the training providers. A general discussion was held as to how this could be addressed as it falls outside of the IGEM/IG/1 process. It was suggested that the complainants could be advised to contact the small claims court or citizens advice. GD is aware of similar issues within parts of the building services sector

Action RH: RH and GD to follow up outside of the SCF meeting

6.2. Training Specification

RH advised that the Domestic training specification review is due to commence on 7th July and that it is proposed to adapt the common assessment strategy approach to on site evidence gathering e.g. a defined number of jobs that are required to be carried out.

6.3. Heat Pumps

RH mentioned the three qualification frameworks relating to heat pumps that were out for industry comment and had been circulated to SCF members. GD is aware of the documents and mentioned that there are a number of groups within the heat pump industry that have differing views e.g. Installer groups and Manufacturers. There is also a heat pump standard and training specification that is owned by the plumbing industry. TG commented that he has been involved in producing a heat pump apprenticeship. GD is monitoring the situation closely and has offered to keep the SCF updated.

Action SCF & GD: SCF members to contact GD if they have any heat pump related questions and GD to monitor progress and report back to the SCF

7. SCF working group – ACS Re-assessment

7.1. ACS Re-assessment

RH informed the SCF that working group have completed mapping all of the agreed changes to CCN1 into the changeover units and other competencies that share the same criteria and that the next step was to obtain sign off from the SCF before taking the proposal to the SMB for ratification. LT mentioned that he was unable to provide sign off from the ABC as there was not 100% agreement for the proposal from their members. This was extremely disappointing to hear as the ABC circulated an email to their members asking for any objections to be raised by 18th May or it would be taken that it was agreed (no objections were raised). TS questioned why 100% agreement was needed from ABC members and why a majority result was not presented to the SCF? DB commented that if the proposal resulted in a reduction in the ACS assessment duration then this would assist the industry in coping with the backlog of ACS renewals that are being generated by COVID-19. TS asked the SCF to speak up if they had any objections to the reassessment proposal. No further objections were raised therefor this was signed off

Action TS & RH: Table the reassessment proposal at the SMB (25.06.20)

7.2. Operations Document Revision

Version 5 of the document had been finalised previously subject to sign off by the SCF & ratification by the SMB and had been circulated with a proposed issue date of May 2020. Due to timings of meetings the document had not been formally signed off. Sign off has now been agreed however there are some amendments required to identify how centres are using remote monitoring for EQA visits. It was agreed that the revisions would be made and the revised document be presented to the SMB on 25th June.

Action LT: Facilitate the revision to the Operations Document ready for presentation to the SMB

7.3. Guidance Notes Revisions

MG informed the SCF that revisions to guidance notes would now be managed by the ABC

8. Common Assessment Strategy

This had been previously agreed at the SCF subject to any further comments being received. No further comments were received therefor this has now been signed off.

9. Other Items

RH mentioned that he would circulate a paper and comment form relating to the HyDeploy project.

Action SCF: Submit any comments to RH by 27th July

Next Meeting Dates

Action Log follow up W/C 27th July

Wednesday 16th September 2020

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Actions

Agenda	Actions meeting 44 (16.06.20)	By	Status
4.3	Steve Williams to discuss the details with Caroline Lane outside of the SCF meeting.	SW / CL	Closed

6.1	Agree on actions required where new entrants have complaints relating to misleading advertising / selling of training courses by 3 rd parties	RH / GD	Closed
6.3	GD to monitor industry progress on heat pumps and report back to SCF	GD	Closed
6.3	SCF members to contact GD with any heat pump related questions	SCF	Closed
7.1	Submit the reassessment proposal to the SMB for progression (noted that 1 of 8 Certification Bodies has not agreed to proposal)	TS / RH	Open
7.2	Update the ACS Operations Document ready for presenting to the SMB.	LT	Closed
9	Submit any comments relating to the HyDeploy (20% Hydrogen) project to RH by 27 th July	SCF	Closed