

**Standards Consultation Forum**  
**Notes and Actions**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 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
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
Neill Ovenden (NO)	Certification Bodies
Martin Garbutt (MG)	Homeserve / GCS
Peter Fawbert (PF)	LBF
Richard Hakeem (RH)	Liquid Gas UK
Vic Tuffen (VT)	GMC
Graeme Dryden (GD)	APHC
Phil Burnett (PB)	

**Apologies**

Reuben Smith	GILG (Chair)
Gavin Jones	BSI
David Smith	Gas Safe Register
Malcolm Greetham	Energy & Utility Skills
Jessica Jarvis	GDN's
Peter Hurst	IGEM

TS reminded members on the importance of ensuring that information is shared with the organisations that they represent and the requirement for them to consult with their organisations. The importance of representation from sole traders was also mentioned.

**Action TS: Follow up on sole trader representation**

**Action TS & RH: Discuss GILG representation and input**

**2. Minutes from previous SCF meeting (17.06.20)**

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/20/157

**3.2. BSI**

No recent changes to any relevant BSI gas standards

**3.3. Liquid Gas UK**

RHa provided an update – Circulated with Notes

**4. Changes to MoGS****4.1. Summary of changes**

RH updated the group on the changes made to matters of gas safety following Industry Standard Updates period:

BS EN 721 & ISU 094 Leisure accommodation vehicles-safety ventilation requirements.

This Standard update resulted in changes to CCLP1 LAV and CoNGLP1 LAV. **DW** identified a potential error in the precis of changes on the presentation. It is not thought that this error affects the criteria but the standards Development Unit (SDU) will confirm this. **RH** mentioned that input from industry experts is welcome at the technical working group meetings

BS 6173 & ISU 095 Installation and maintenance of gas fired catering appliances.  
This Standard update resulted in changes to CCCN1, CoDC1 and COCATA1

'Safe to touch' has been introduced to all ACS cores to reflect the requirements of BS6891 and BS 6400

**Action SDU: Review changes based on ISU 094**

**Action SDU: Invite SCF members to future TWG meetings where relevant**

#### **4.2. Safe Electrical Isolation – Feedback from Certification Bodies (CBs)**

**RH** had received some interim data from one CB relating to the completion of self-declaration forms by candidates attending ACS re-assessment. The data was encouraging in the fact that only one candidate had refused to complete the declaration and a small number had declared that they needed training. **NO** mentioned that as this was not mandatory the CBs could not force training centres to ask for the self-declaration forms to be completed. CB's have been requested to provide EU Skills with data on the completion of self-declaration forms in October 2020 (3 months after implementation). **TS** voiced concerns that training centres were making the decision if agreed Safe Electrical Isolation was implemented or not as it was understood CB's would ensure their training centres adopted the SMB decision to implement this safety initiative that has been through the SSB due process.

### **5 SCF working group – ACS Re-assessment**

#### **5.1 JPA Re-assessment proposal**

**RH** informed the SCF that although all eight CBs were now supporting the re-assessment proposal there was a delay in implementation due to the fact that all CBs have been asked by UKAS to provide justification for every change in criteria and also to state if they feel the changes are maintenance.

A number of SCF members questioned the value of attending working groups and consultation forums if the changes agreed by industry could be halted by UKAS? The SCF members work hard to improve safety within the gas industry and are frustrated that the required improvements are not able to be introduced. It was also mentioned that UKAS are involved in other industry schemes where they do not challenge the content of the scheme, but they ensure that the scheme requirements are implemented. **RH** advised that the SMB are in communication with UKAS to agree a way forward and that the input from industry and working groups was valued by the SMB and was an important part of the scheme.

A proposal was put forward to review the effectiveness of the current process as it is felt that the current process inhibits the introduction of changes that will improve the safety of the industry. The SCF members were in agreement with the proposal.

### **6. Hydrogen**

#### **6.1 Training Development**

**PB** presented the Hy4Heat training pathway consultation and the Hy4Heat assessment proposal. The SCF members were in agreement with the proposal. **PH** said it was important to ensure that individuals can get involved and that the Hy4Heat programme should not be restricted to large businesses. **PB** said that the training would not be restricted but it would be driven by market forces as the pilot will only involve a small number of engineers.

### **7. IGEM/IG/1 Update**

#### **7.1 IGEM Governance**

**JB** informed the SCF that the comments for IGEM/IG/1 have now been reviewed the document would shortly be going out for approval by the IGEM committees. It was agreed that after approval by the IGEM committees the document would be circulated to the SCF for approval via an interim meeting.

#### **7.2 Training Specification**

**RH** updated the group on progress with the domestic natural gas training specification. The SCF were advised that it was proposed to make system design a mandatory element for new entrants undertaking central heating

boiler training. This proposal was supported by the SCF. RH also mentioned that Guidance Note 8 will also be included within the training specification review.

**Action RH: Circulate IGEM/IG/1 after IGEM approval and arrange an interim SCF meeting to confirm SCF approval for taking to the SMB**

**8. Heat Pumps**

**8.1 Industry Update**

There is currently a BEIS working group for heat pumps and a heat pump training course is also being developed.

**9 Other Items**

**NO** Raised a request from the certification bodies to reduce the amount of information provided in the ACS centre directory. The current directory contains details of all ACS competencies offered by each centre. The proposal is to replace this with a directory that lists the categories offered rather than all competencies within the category e.g. (see presentation circulated with the notes for the detail). **NO** stated that all certification bodies are supportive of the change as it will be easier to keep up to date. The detailed information in the current version could be outdated as soon as it is published. RH mentioned that we should review whether or not the proposed change will lead to engineers contacting Energy & Utility Skills to determine what competencies ACS centres offer. **TS** asked if the ACS centres had been consulted on the proposals and for energy & Utility Skills ensure it did not contravene its contract with GSR

**Action: NO to obtain the views of some ACS centres and to consider the potential consequences of the proposed change before it is put to the SMB**

**RHa** discussed the proposal for a 'Limited Scope LPG inspector class' within the Gas Safe Register to cover operatives that carry out safety inspections in holiday parks and marinas.

**Action: RHa to discuss with CL**

**Next Meeting Dates**

**Action Log follow up W/C 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Actions**

Agenda	Actions meeting 45 (16.09.20)	By	Status
1	Follow up on sole trader representation	TS	Open
1	Discuss GILG representation and input	TS / RH	Open
4.1	Review changes based on ISU 094	SDU	Open
4.1	Invite SCF members to future TWG meetings where relevant	SDU	Open
7.1	Circulate IGEM/IG/1 after IGEM approval and arrange an interim SCF meeting to confirm SCF approval for taking to the SMB	RH	Open
9	Obtain the views of some ACS centres and to consider the potential consequences of the proposed change to the ACS centre directory	NO	Open
9	Discuss the proposal for a 'Limited Scope LPG inspector class' within the Gas Safe Register	RHa / CL	Open