

Environmental Legislation Register

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Air	Clean Air Act '93	Prohibition of dark smoke, grit, dust and fumes. Smoke control areas. Mixed metal oxide fume from flame cutting,	Cannot incinerate waste on site.	
	Environmental Protection Act 1990. Guidance Note PG 2/6B	Protection of local air quality. Monitor discharges to air as above + diesel fumes	Air discharges from sites are negligible	
	Environmental Protection (Controls On Ozone Depleting Substances) Regs 2015.	Regulates use and bans a range of 'controlled' substances including CFCs, trichloroethane, halons, carbon tetrachloride, and HCFCs and HBFCs.	Applicable to air-con. Bans use of certain GH gases. Changes qualification requirements for gas handling from April 2012	
	Fluorinated Greenhouse Gas Regs 2015	Requires qualification and certificates to work with products containing these gasses. Air-con equipment requires leak testing annually (3kg or more f-gas)	Individuals servicing Air-con equipment must be qualified and registered. It is responsibility employing person to check for qualifications	
	Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regs '2015	Requires minimum qualifications to recover, recycle reclaim or destroy ozone depleting substances	Minerva need to ensure that air-con subcontractors and those servicing freezers and refrigeration equipment are qualified.	2009 introduced qualification requirements for dismantling fire protection systems containing ozone depleting substances.
	Climate Change Act 2008 / Climate Change Levy Regs & Amendment 2012	Enabling act for setting carbon emission targets and targets for other greenhouse gases.	Indirectly affects prices paid for electricity	

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Water Waste & Effluent	Water Resources Act '91 Amendment 2009 Water Act 2003	Discharges to controlled waters and pollution offences Water abstraction and impounding	Use only mains water on site.	
	Water Industry Act '91 / 99/2014 Water Supply (Water Quality) Regs 2000	Water supply, Effluent discharge into sewers.	Cannot discharge trade effluent to sewers without permission except discharge wash water	
	Groundwater Regs '09 / 2010	Prevention of discharge of polluting substances to groundwater.	Must avoid discharges of effluent or hazardous chemicals to groundwater.	Repealed by the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD) in 2013
	Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999	Regulates types of equipment that can be connected to mains water supply (and how) and water efficiency of equipment.	Must use approved fittings and equipment	
Energy Efficiency (building design & appliance installation)	Eco design requirements for Energy-Using Products Regs 2007 amendment 2009 / 2010	The phasing out of less energy efficient electrical products and light bulbs up to 2016	Minerva have 'obligation' to install light fittings utilising energy efficient light bulbs	
	Buildings Regulations 2010	Regulations for building works, changes of use, extensions, and energy efficiency	Only applicable to building alterations	

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Waste Disposal	Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 / 1990	Registration of controlled waste carriers (& penalties)	Transporters of waste must have licence issued by waste disposal authority.	
	Environmental Protection Act 1990	Establishes structure & authority for waste management	N/A (enabling act)	
	Waste (England and Wales) Regs 2011	Requires use of waste hierarchy. Re-classifies waste carriers' licences into 2 tiers.	Waste carriers licence will be classified on renewal. WTNs to state that waste hierarchy has been applied.	
	Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 / Amendment regs '03	Duty of care for handlers and holders of controlled waste Use & retention of waste transfer notes	Waste transfer notes (WTN) to be used for waste leaving a work site. WTNs retained 2 yrs	
	Controlled Waste Regs 1992 / Amendment 1993 Controlled Waste (England & Wales) Regs 2012	Defines household, industrial and commercial waste for licensing purposes Permits Local Council charging for certain waste removal	Requires use of Duty of Care transfer notes (retain 2yrs) and license for transfer building waste from site.	Consider in conjunction with the list of wastes which classifies different waste streams
	Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 and amendment regs 2009 / 2012 / 2016 List of Controlled Wastes Regs 2005	Consignment and disposal of hazardous waste Registration as Hazardous Waste Producer (if >500Kg of hazardous waste produced in 1 year).	Hazardous waste listed must be segregated for separate disposal. Site to be notified to Agency. Consignment notes to be used and kept 3 years.	Includes asbestos as hazardous waste. Plasterboard to be segregated and sent to high sulphate landfill cell.

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Waste Disposal (continued)	Packaging (essential requirements) Regs 2003/4/6 amendments 04/06 Producer Responsibility Obligations Regs 2007 / 2010	Re-cycling and safe disposal of packaging. Prohibits use of certain materials. Responsibilities for equipment suppliers	Not applicable except we should try to re-use or re-cycle packaging if possible.	
	Landfill Regs 2002 The Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 & Qualifying Material Order	General regs on what can be accepted at landfill sites and regs for landfill operations. Tax on waste being disposed of to landfill	No direct impact. Indirectly it limits what can be sent to landfill and the charges paid	
	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regs (WEEE) 2006 amended 2007/2009/2010/2013/2015	Covers all items of electrical and electronic waste. Includes the recycling and re-use of materials.	Duty to segregate WEEE from general waste and dispose of via a registered contractor.	
	End of life vehicle regs 2003. Amendment 2014	Disposal of vehicles to a registered de-pollution centre. Targets for re-cycling materials and parts	Need to send scrap vehicles to registered de-pollution centre.	
	Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regs 2009	Provision of collection points for battery recycling. Registration of manufacturers, business users and sellers.	Need to separate out waste industrial and portable batteries and return to supplier or registered handler	
Fire	Fire Safety Regulations Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 / 2006	Risk Assessment – and action on findings. Alarms, fire exits, fire drills and fire fighting equipment.	Fire safety risk assessment, regular recorded alarm checks and maintenance of extinguishers	Minimise environmental impact of fire via accident & emergency preparedness training and procedures.

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Planning & Local Environment	The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2012	Requirement to display at least one no smoking signs in work premises and company vehicles	Required to display the necessary signs.	
	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 / 2015	Land and premises development	Required to operate offices and sites in accordance with local planning guidelines	
	ACPO Alarm Response Policy Revised 2014	False alarms from security systems and police willingness to respond.	Need to ensure that clients eliminate (as far as practicable false alarms) or police response may be withdrawn after 3 in 12 months.	
	Environment Act 1995	Enabling legislation for EA responsibilities and enforcement. Responsibilities of EA including conservation and pollution prevention	No direct impact. Indirectly our sites may be inspected by EA	
Contaminated Land	Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2006 / 2012	Land contamination registers and clean-up responsibilities	Responsibility to prevent land contamination,	
	Environmental Damage (Prevention & Remediation) Regs '09 amendment 2012 / 2015	Legally enforces 'polluter pays' principle without the need for prior prosecution	No direct impact. Need to ensure that we don't cause pollution	

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Use of Chemicals & Substances	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regs 99/ '02/ 2004	Risk Assessments and retention of MDS sheets. Exposure limits for defined substances	Risk assessments. Need to hold MDS sheets and communicate contents for substances handled.	
	Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 / 2012	Bans import supply and use. Employer's duties to assess risks and limit exposure. 2012 introduces 3 classifications for work: Licensed, Notifiable, Permitted.	Licensed work must be done by special registered contractor. Minor repair or installation work permitted on certain non-frangible materials. Training / RA / Method Sheet / PPE required.	Personnel working on notifiable works to be subject to health monitoring from 2015
	Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002/5/8	Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations. Material safety data sheets	Control purchase of hazardous chemicals and materials. Complete COSHH risk assessment & supply MDS to user.	
	REACH Directive (2007) 2015	Manufacturers/importers of chemicals must define risk management requirements for users. Distributors and sellers also have communication responsibilities. Users should check the substances used are registered.	Indirectly need to ensure purchased substances are registered.	

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Privacy and Access	Data Protection Act. 1998 CCTV Code of practice	Right of individual to see images stored on CCTV. Images should be retained for a minimum duration to meet a specific purpose.	Minerva to provide guidance and instruction to clients on use of CCTV and stored images.	Security cameras on domestic properties are exempt.
	Disability Discrimination Act 2004 / 2010	Consideration of access for disabled persons to public buildings and services.	Consider possible need of disabled access when recommending access control systems.	Domestic properties, membership organisations are exempt.
Countryside	Protection of Endangered Species. Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regs '07 / 2010	Protects endangered species from destruction of their natural habitats	Minerva have a duty to protect endangered species if they are present on a work site.	
	Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000	Rules for conserving rights of way and public access	If rights-of-way pass through a work site they must be conserved.	
	Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 / amendments '91 & '04	Bans the taking or killing of certain wild animals, plants and birds.	Minerva have a duty to preserve life of wild animals and named species	
Statutory Nuisance & Noise	Noise Act 1996	Empowers local authority to investigate all complaints of night-time noise	Promote effective alarm and false alarm management amongst clients	
	Noise & Statutory Nuisance Act 1993	Gives right of local authority to issue abatement notices against owners of intruder alarms audible in the street	Promote effective alarm and false alarm management amongst clients	

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	Control of noise at work regs 2005	Risk assessment for employees exposed to noise above 80db and provision of hearing protection and other measures	Provide appropriate hearing protection for alarm testing on site.	
	The Control of Noise (Code of Practice On Noise From Audible Intruder Alarms) Order 1981	Enabling act for secretary of state to issue CoP	Install products to BS 4737 Apply Code of Practice	
	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	Vehicle parking, litter, graffiti, dogs, noise from intruder alarms and premises generally.	Low impact. Offence is caused if litter is left in open place to which public has access.	
	Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for Use Outdoors Regs 2001 amendments 2001/2005	Statutory nuisance, e.g. noise from tools and construction equipment	No direct impact. (should use equipment CE marked as meeting the requirement)	
	Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003	Empowers Local Authority to clean up environment, apply controls over waste, close noisy or anti-social premises.	No direct impact. More specific legislation applies to alarm noise.	