

Legislation Update February 2020

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EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018

The HSE has issued clear guidance stating that duties to protect the health and safety of people affected by our work will not change with Brexit.

The HSE states: “You should continue to manage risk in your business in a proportionate way.”



EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018

The Act changes 'European Union' to 'United Kingdom'

Health and Safety (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 converts current EU regulation into domestic law

Regulations governing the use of hazardous substances, which the UK abides to:

- COSHH Regulations 2002
- Classification, Labelling and Packaging for supply (CLP) (regulation controls chemical classification);
- Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH) (Safety data sheet and chemical restriction falls under REACH – this is a European regulation).



EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018

COSHH is unlikely to change and so shouldn't be affected from a regulatory point of view

The government has said is that the most likely course of action is that an identical set of regulations will be brought into British law to almost mirror the REACH regulations.

- There will be parts which tie into CLP and REACH, which may be affected, because they are both EU regulations.
- CLP creates the basis for the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) and so there is likely to be little impact on the way chemicals are packaged and labelled.



Drones

Drone Safety – Air Navigation Amendment Order 2018

This new legislation extends the ‘no-fly’ zone around airports

- Bans drones from flying within 5km of runways;
- Imposes penalties for breaking the law on misusing drones range from fines to life imprisonment if the device is intentionally used to cause violence;

From 30 November 2019, drone operators using drones weighing 250g or more will have to register their device with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and take an online safety test.

Anyone who fails to register or sit the competency tests could face fines of up to £1,000



Coronavirus Update

With the ongoing updates on the spread of the Coronavirus in China and other parts of the world there is a heightened awareness to this and how we should respond.

While the current risk level to individuals has not changed the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate.

- The Government has issued guidance advising the public on precautions to prevent the spread of the disease which contains useful information
- See prepared Guidance Note.

