



Energy & Industry Department Prime Minister's Office Note to Industry (NTI)

TOPIC Control of Major Accident Hazards (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (COMAH) Amendments Implementation			Reference Number 2017/NTI/7
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The Energy and Industry Department Prime Minister's Office (EIDPMO) HSE division are pleased to announce that The Control of Major Accident Hazards (Amendment) Regulations 2017, (COMAH) have been approved and signed by the Minister of Home Affairs on 21st March 2017.

The amendments take effect as of 1st January 2017. However the amendments with respect to the new charging regime will take effect as of the 1st April 2017.

The amendments cover four main areas:

1 Decommissioning and Restoration

Regulation 11A, Schedule 1A DNR Notification
Regulation 16, Schedule 5 DNR Safety Case

New requirements for Duty Holders to provide details on decommissioning activities of facilities or part thereof, no longer in operation; and restoration of the site. Introduction of the term; "final declared state".

2 Pipeline ESD valves

Regulation 23A

As of 1st January 2017. New pipelines (greater than internal diameter 40 mm) connected to a facility are to have an ESD valve fitted at the facility. Existing pipelines (as of 1st January 2017) without such ESDV's are to be assessed on a case by case basis and ESDV's retrofitted if required.

3 Charging regime

Regulation 28, Schedule 8

Charges will not be back-dated to 1st January 2017. A charging regime on Duty Holders will take effect as of 1st April 2017. Charges are as per schedule 8 of the regulations and cover safety case certificates and notifications (including well notifications): inspections of facilities and investigations related to facilities.

Duty Holders are advised to contact the EIDPMO HSE team, for further advice on how to make payments of the charges. EIDPMO HSE will be contacting Duty Holders who have already submitted safety cases after 1st April 2017.

4 Overpressure, thermal, hazardous contours

Amendment to Schedule 3 and 4

Specific requirement for inclusion of overpressure, thermal contours and hazardous area plans as part of a safety case hazard assessment

In addition the following amendments are made

Introduction of the term “conveyance system” as a generic term for transport of substances

Text changes for clarity

COMAH Safety Case Assessment Matrix

Following from the amendments to the COMAH Regulations, the Assessment Matrices have been updated and uploaded to the EIDPMO website. All Duty Holders are advised that with immediate effect all new Safety Case submissions should include the new templates.

Please contact the EIDPMO HSE team if you require further information. Be advised that the amended COMAH Regulations will be made available through the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC) website www.agc.gov.bn and the EIDPMO website.

A copy of this NTI can be found on the EIDPMO HSE website: www.ei.gov.bn

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