

Kiwa: GAR Update 2

Introduction

As you are probably aware, on 21st April 2018, Regulation (EU) 2016/426 on appliances burning gaseous fuels (GAR) is repealing Directive 2009/142/EC on appliances burning gaseous fuels (GAD). Manufacturers will need to declare conformity to this regulation from this date.

Recently important guidance on the interpretation and the implementation was agreed upon by the Gas Appliance Directive Advisory Committee (GAD-AC), which is chaired by Kiwa, and includes No Bos and manufacturer associations. During the GAD-AC meeting of 23rd November 2016, a list of 27 questions and answers was agreed upon (see [Annex](#)). GAD-AC has presented this document to the European Commission, requesting that it transfers the Q&A list into a GAR implementation guide, and publishes it on the EU website.

Our intention is to provide an update to you after every GAD-AC meeting, so you are aware of the latest developments, and how they might affect you.

Who will be affected by the GAR?

As we explained in the Kiwa GAR Update 1, the new GAR will affect:

Manufacturers, importers and distributors of:

- gas appliances - appliances burning gaseous fuels used for cooking, refrigeration, air-conditioning, space heating, hot water production, lighting or washing, and also forced draught burners and heating bodies to be equipped with such burners
- 'fittings' - safety devices, controlling devices or regulating devices and sub-assemblies thereof, designed to be incorporated into an appliance or to be assembled to constitute an appliance

What are the main aspects of the GAR?

Please see our Kiwa [GAR Update 1](#) document for a list of changes.

Which important aspects were discussed at the latest GAD-AC meeting?

- Is a risk assessment needed, if so, how detailed should that risk assessment be, and what should it cover?
- How can existing test results be used to support compliance with the GAR, when a new EU type-examination certificate is needed?
- Vitally, how can manufacturers prepare for the transition from the GAD to the GAR on the 21st April 2018 to mitigate risk to their business?

What is still to be clarified?

Whilst there are a number of finer points still to be clarified with the Commission, one key area where only outline guidance has been provided at this point, is how a manufacturer proves 'state of the art'?

Kiwa will be running a series of GAR Update seminars to provide clients with the latest information on the new regulation, and to provide insight on the most astute and effective approach to compliance. The first seminar will take place at our office in Apeldoorn on Tuesday 31st January 2017. To confirm your place, please contact majo.weijland@kiwa.nl or call +31 (0)88 998 3538

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