

# Legislation Outlook

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**This monthly legislation briefing will help you to plan ahead for the maintenance of your ISO 14001, ISO 27001, ISO 45001 and ISO 50001 systems.** We will give advance warning about important legislation that will affect compliance with the standards, relevant news, newly published guidance and government consultations that you might find useful, and any other significant legislation beyond the scope of the standards listed that will potentially impact your organisation. We don't waste your time on items such as an increase in administrative fees, we only report items of value.

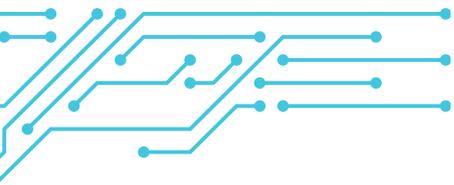
**January was a very quiet month for long lead-time legislation for most of our clients. However, organisations that place chemicals on the market in Northern Ireland will need to be aware of new EU rules that come into force next year.**



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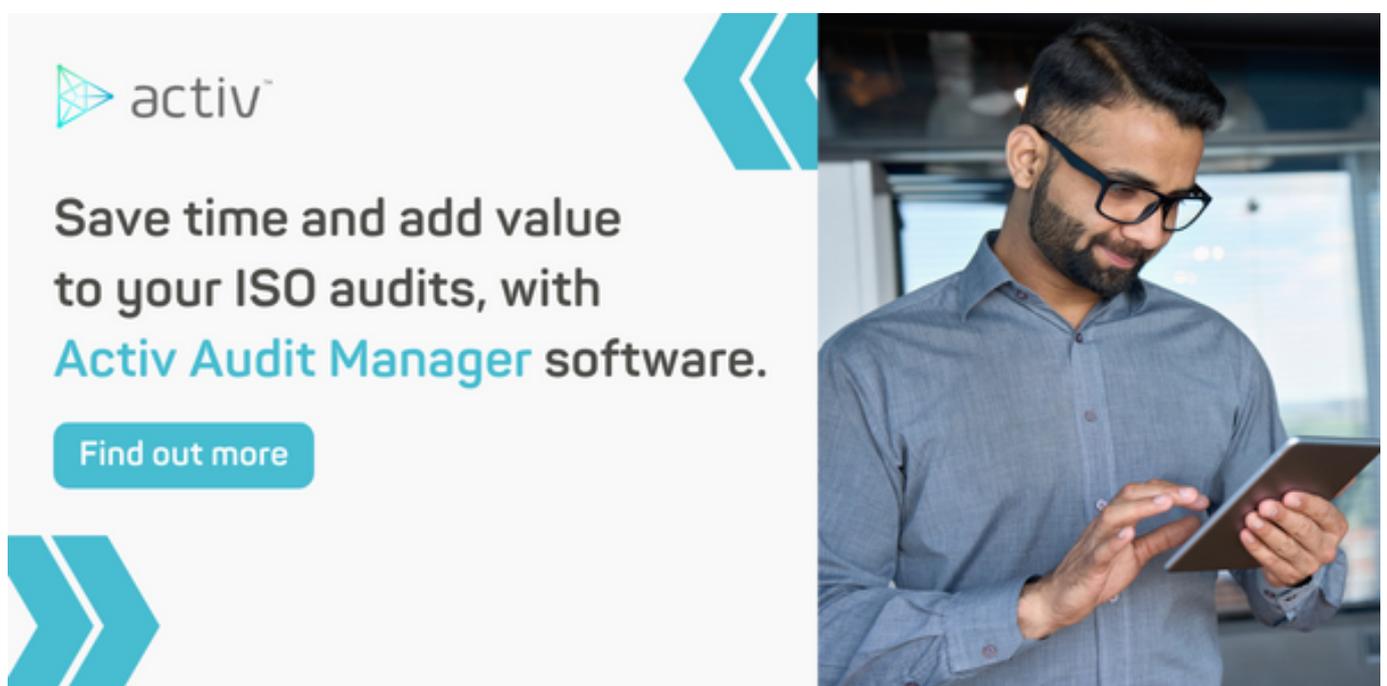


## Updated Standard-Related Legislation

### ISO 14001 and ISO 45001

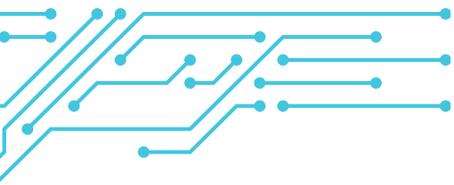
#### Regulation (EU) 2024/197 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as regards the harmonised classification and labelling of certain substances

This Regulation comes into force in Northern Ireland on 1st September 2025 and amends Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (the CLP Regulation) to introduce or update the harmonised classification and labelling of specified substances following a review by the European Chemicals Agency. Organisations that place any of the following chemicals on the market in Northern Ireland must ensure that they change the hazard labelling to comply with the new rules before September next year. Please see the full list of chemicals [here](#).



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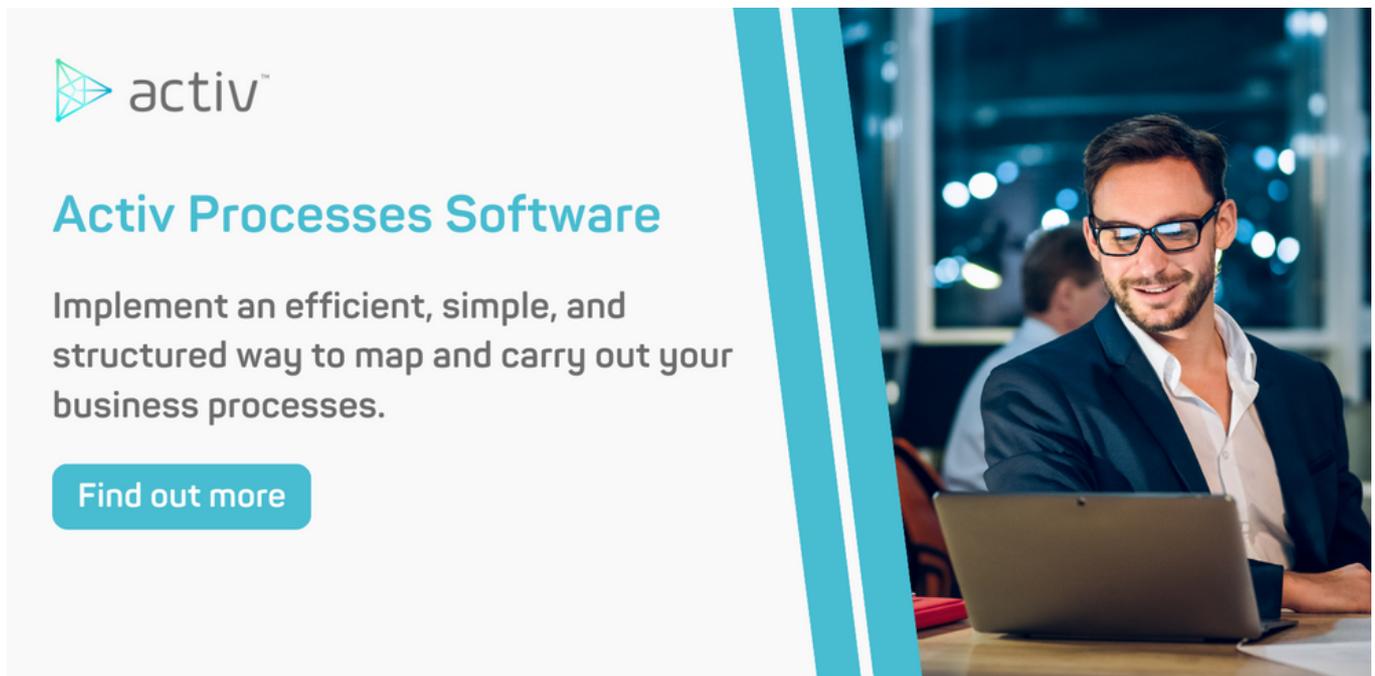
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## News

### HSE Launches New Asbestos Campaign

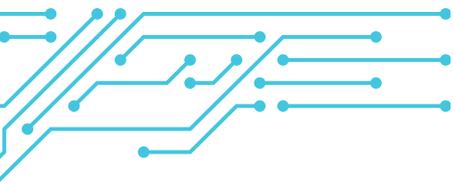
The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has launched '[Asbestos: Your Duty](#)', a campaign which aims to improve understanding of what the legal duty to manage asbestos involves. The HSE's [website](#) contains updated information, new templates (including an asbestos management plan template), and explanatory videos to help organisations comply with their health and safety responsibilities. The HSE will also be checking how asbestos is managed in a wide range of buildings when conducting site visits.



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### Safety Notice: Crush Risk from Powered Tilting Stabilisers on Lorry Loaders

The Health and Safety Executive has issued a [Safety Notice](#) for lorry loaders with power tilting stabilisers due to a risk of serious injury or death when the stabiliser is being rotated to a vertical position. If a stabiliser is retracted towards the vehicle when not vertical, the operator or others positioned in the danger zone can be crushed. At least three fatal accidents have occurred in the UK since 2019 caused by the retracting leg of a powered tilting stabiliser.



The HSE advises, among other things, that:

- the Safety Notice is shared with all personnel involved in lorry loader operations;
- risk assessments are up-to-date and appropriate control measures are included in all lorry loader procedural documentation;
- owners of lorry loaders should seek safety improvements from manufacturers;



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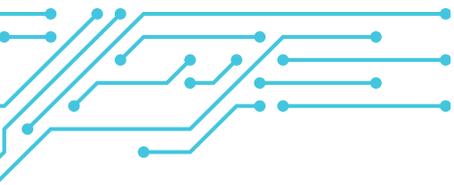
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## Consultations

### Building Safety Levy

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has issued a [second consultation](#) seeking views on the design and implementation of the building safety levy. This will apply to certain new residential buildings requiring building control approval in England, for the purpose of meeting building safety expenditure.

The consultation closes on 20th February 2024.



## Generative AI and Data Protection

The Information Commissioner's Office has launched a series of consultations on how data protection law should apply to the development and use of generative AI models. The series starts with a [consultations](#) focusing on the lawful basis for scraping data from the web or processing web-scraped data to train generative AI models.

The consultation closes on 1st March 2024.

## Street Works

The Department for Transport has issued a [consultation](#) seeking views on proposals for reforms to street works legislation covering surplus lane rental funds, fixed penalty notices and weekend overruns. In particular, they are looking for feedback on Regulations:

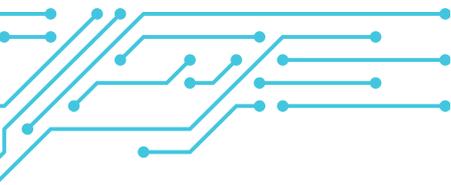
- requiring at least 50% of any surplus lane rental funds to be spent on repairing potholes;
- raising the level of fixed penalty notices that can be issued for 5 street works offences; and
- allowing overrun charges to apply at weekends and bank holidays.

The consultation closes on 11th March 2024.

## Train Protection Systems Guidance

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has issued a [consultation](#) seeking views on draft train protection systems guidance, with an aim to clarify legal obligations in relation to modern train protection systems. In particular, the ORR is looking for views on the content of the guidance and views on how helpful it will be as an aid to manage the migration to modern signalling systems.

The consultation closes on 1st March 2024.



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