



Annex: Great Britain (United Kingdom Except Northern Ireland)

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The term "Great Britain" comprises England, Scotland and Wales. It does not include the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. Regulations in each devolved nation may differ. Regulations in Northern Ireland often differ under the terms of the Windsor Framework agreement. Please see specific regulations and government guidance.

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- **Health and Safety**

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974:
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37>
Guidance from the HSE is here:
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/legislation/hswa.htm>

- **F Gas Regulations in GB**

GB – the current F-gas Regulations "Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases" is here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2014/517>

Europe – the European regulations are different to those in force in GB: "REGULATION (EU) 2024/573 of 7 February 2024 on fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014" is here: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/573/oj/eng>

Northern Ireland – Northern Ireland is part of the European Union fluorinated greenhouse gas and ozone depleting substances system. Under the Windsor Framework¹ agreement, Northern Ireland follow the EU

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-windsor-framework>



Regulations. There are special considerations for moving F-Gas between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These requirements are relevant to all companies, including delivery and installation companies. Advice is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-f-gas-between-great-britain-and-northern-ireland>

- **Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016**

GB Legislation is here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2016/1105>
Government guidance is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-equipment-safety-regulations-2016/pressure-equipment-safety-regulations-2016-great-britain>

- **ATEX (local adoption)**

The Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR) implements Directive 99/92/EC (also known as 'ATEX 137' or the 'ATEX Workplace Directive'). This covers the minimum requirements for improving the health and safety protection of workers potentially at risk from explosive atmospheres.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/2776/contents>

The Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (the 2016 EPS regulations) implements Directive 2014/34/EU (also known as 'ATEX 114' or 'the ATEX Equipment Directive'). This concerns the equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2016/1107/contents>

Further guidance from the HSE is here: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/fireandexplosion/atex.htm>

FETA published guidance on DSEAR "Guidance on Risk Assessments for compliance with Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR)" here:

[https://feta.co.uk/client/files/FETA/FETA%20Guidance%20on%20Risk%20Assessment%20for%20DSEAR%20compliance\(2\).pdf](https://feta.co.uk/client/files/FETA/FETA%20Guidance%20on%20Risk%20Assessment%20for%20DSEAR%20compliance(2).pdf).

- **The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009**

GB Legislation is here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2009/1348/contents>

Note that The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) agreement "ADR 2025" concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road <https://unece.org/adr-2025-files> itself has no provision for enforcement.

• Building Regulations

England Approved Documents <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents>
Scotland Technical Handbooks <https://www.gov.scot/collections/building-standards/>
Wales Approved Documents <https://www.gov.wales/building-regulations-approved-documents>
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