# Questionnaire

We would welcome responses to the following questions.

1. **Are you responding to this consultation as:**
2. **A member of the public who uses nitrous oxide for non-psychoactive purposes (e.g., amateur bakers, rocketry, automobile racing) [go to question 2]**
3. **A trade body/ representative association [go to question 11]**
4. **A business or an organisation that uses nitrous oxide [go to question 15]**
5. **A manufacturer of nitrous oxide [go to question 40]**
6. **A wholesaler/ supplier of nitrous oxide [go to question 28]**
7. **A retailer (including online retailer) of nitrous oxide [go to question 45]**
8. **Other, please specify in box provided below [go to question 59]**

[comment box if other]

## [If selected Q1.a] Individual user – non-psychoactive purposes

1. **Where are you located? [Select one]**
2. **England**
3. **Scotland**
4. **Wales**
5. **Northern Ireland**
6. **Other [please specify in box below]**
7. **Prefer not to say**

[comment box if other]

1. **What do you use and or possess nitrous oxide for? [Select all that apply, and comment if needed]**
2. **Medicinal/ dentistry/ veterinary**
   1. **Please specify, including product name**
3. **Food / catering** 
   1. **Propellant gas**
   2. **Packaging gas**
   3. **Foaming agent**
   4. **Antioxidant**
   5. **Extraction solvent**
   6. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
4. **Automotive**
   1. **As a performance enhancer**
   2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
5. **Electronics**
   1. **As a cleaning agent**
   2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
6. **Aerospace**
   1. **As a propellant**
   2. **To provide supplementary oxygen**
   3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
7. **Oil and gas industry**
   1. **Testing equipment for leaks**
   2. **Production of chemicals**
   3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
8. **Pharmaceutical**
   1. **In production**
   2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
9. **Research and development** 
   1. **In gas chromatography**
   2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
10. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
11. **What grade of nitrous oxide do you use and/ or possess? [Select all that apply]**
12. **Medicinal grade**
13. **Food grade**
14. **Other commercial/ industry grade**
15. **Don’t know**
16. **Do you currently need a licence, authority, or some other form of accreditation or regulatory approval to purchase nitrous oxide for legitimate use? [Select one]**
17. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
18. **No**
19. **Don't know**

[comment box if yes]

1. **What form(s) and volume(s) of nitrous oxide do you use and/or purchase? Please give as much information as possible, including an estimate if exact figure is unknown. [Complete table]**

| **Canister size** | **Which form do you use nitrous oxide [Select all that apply, comment if other]** | **Quantity per order [Comment]** | **Number of orders over the past 12 months [Comment]** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8g canister** |  |  |  |
| **600g canister** |  |  |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |  |  |

1. **If any, what other contaminants or additives are contained within the nitrous oxide you use? [Comment]**
2. **Do you currently have a Home Office drugs licence? [Select one]**
   1. **Yes**
   2. **No**
   3. **Don’t know**
3. **Are there viable alternative you could use instead of nitrous oxide? [Select one]**
4. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
5. **No**

[comment box if yes]

1. **How do you dispose of any surplus quantity of nitrous oxide and / or the nitrous oxide dispensing device? [Comment]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## [If selected Q1.b] Trade body or association

1. **What area(s) or location(s) does your trade body or association cover? [Select all that apply]**
2. **England**
3. **Scotland**
4. **Wales**
5. **Northern Ireland**
6. **Other**
7. **Don’t know**
8. **Prefer not to say**
9. **What size of organisation does your trade body or association represent? [Select all that apply]**
10. **Small to medium sized organisation**
11. **Large organisation**
12. **Sole traders**
13. **How many members does your trade body or association currently have? [Select one]**
14. **Fewer than 500**
15. **500-1500**
16. **1500-3000**
17. **3000-5000**
18. **Over 5000**
19. **For what purpose do your members use or possess nitrous oxide? [Select all that apply]**
20. **Medicinal/ dentistry/ veterinary- [please specify in the box provided below]**
21. **Food / catering**
22. **Propellant gas**
23. **Packaging gas**
24. **Foaming agent**
25. **Antioxidant**
26. **Extraction solvent**
27. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
28. **Automotive**
    1. **As a performance enhancer**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
29. **Electronics**
    1. **As a cleaning agent**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
30. **Aerospace**
    1. **As a propellant**
    2. **To provide supplementary oxygen**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
31. **Oil and gas industry**
    1. **Testing equipment for leaks**
    2. **Production of chemicals**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
32. **Pharmaceutical**
    1. **In the production of products**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
33. **Research and development**
    1. **In gas chromatography**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
34. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## [If selected Q1.c] Organisation, or on behalf of an organisation

1. **Tell us about your organisation. Where is it located? [Select all the apply]**
2. **England**
3. **Scotland**
4. **Wales**
5. **Northern Ireland**
6. **European Union**
7. **Other**
8. **Don’t know**
9. **Prefer not to say**
10. **How many employees does it have? [Select one]**
11. **Fewer than 10**
12. **10-19**
13. **20-49**
14. **50-99**
15. **100-249**
16. **250+**
17. **Don’t know**
18. **Does your organisation use and/or handle nitrous oxide? [Select one]**
19. **Yes**
20. **No**
21. **Don’t Know**
22. **What does your organisation use and/or handle nitrous oxide for? [Select all that apply]**
23. **Medicinal/ dentistry/ veterinary [please specify in the box provided below]**
24. **Food / catering** 
    1. **Propellant gas**
    2. **Packaging gas**
    3. **Foaming agent**
    4. **Antioxidant**
    5. **Extraction solvent**
    6. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
25. **Automotive**
    1. **As a performance enhancer**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
26. **Electronics**
    1. **As a cleaning agent**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
27. **Aerospace**
    1. **As a propellant**
    2. **To provide supplementary oxygen**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
28. **Oil and gas industry**
    1. **Testing equipment for leaks**
    2. **Production of chemicals**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
29. **Pharmaceutical**
    1. **In the production of products**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
30. **Research and development** 
    1. **In gas chromatography**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
31. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
32. **What grade of nitrous oxide does your organisation use and or possess? [Select all that apply]**
33. **Medicinal grade**
34. **Food grade**
35. **Other commercial/industry grade**
36. **Don’t know**
37. **Do you currently need a licence, authority, or some other form of accreditation or regulatory approval to purchase nitrous oxide for legitimate use? [Select one]**
38. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
39. **No**
40. **Don't know**

[comment box if yes]

1. **Do you currently have a Home Office drugs licence? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **What form(s) and volumes of nitrous oxide do you use and/ or purchase? Please give as much information as possible, including an estimate in case exact figure unknown. [Complete table]**

| **Canister size** | **Which form do you use nitrous oxide [Select all the apply, comment if other]** | **Quantity per order [Comment]** | **Number of orders over the past 12 months [Comment]** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8g canister** |  |  |  |
| **600g canister** |  |  |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |  |  |

1. **In which setting(s) do you use and/ or handle nitrous oxide? [Select all the apply]**
2. **Laboratory**
3. **Garage**
4. **Factory**
5. **Don’t know**
6. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**

[comment box if other]

1. **If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, which individuals in that organisation use and/or handle the nitrous oxide? (e.g., anaesthetist, laboratory technician) [Comment]**
2. **If any, what other contaminants or additives are contained within the nitrous oxide used? [Comment]**
3. **Are there viable alternatives you could use instead of nitrous oxide?**
4. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
5. **No**
6. **Don’t know**

[comment box if yes]

1. **How do you dispose of any surplus quantity of nitrous oxide and / or the nitrous oxide dispensing device? [Comment]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## [If selected Q1.e] Wholesaler or supplier of nitrous oxide to retailers for onward sale

1. **Tell us about your organisation. Where is it located? [Select one]**
2. **England**
3. **Scotland**
4. **Wales**
5. **Northern Ireland**
6. **Other**
7. **Don’t know**
8. **Prefer not to say**
9. **What do your customers use and or possess nitrous oxide for? [Select all that apply]**
10. **Medicinal/ dentistry/ veterinary [please specify in the box provided below]**
11. **Food / catering** 
    1. **Propellant gas**
    2. **Packaging gas**
    3. **Foaming agent**
    4. **Antioxidant**
    5. **Extraction agent**
    6. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
12. **Automotive**
    1. **As a performance enhancer**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
13. **Electronics**
    1. **As a cleaning agent**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
14. **Aerospace**
    1. **As a propellant**
    2. **To provide supplementary oxygen**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
15. **Oil and gas industry**
    1. **Testing equipment for leaks**
    2. **Production of chemicals**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
16. **Pharmaceutical**
    1. **In the production of products**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
17. **Research and development** 
    1. **In gas chromatography**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
18. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
19. **If known, what grade of nitrous oxide does your business sell? [Select all that apply]**
20. **Medicinal grade**
21. **Food grade**
22. **Other commercial/industry grade**
23. **Do you currently need a licence, authority, or some other form of accreditation or regulatory approval to sell nitrous oxide for legitimate use? [Select one]**
24. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
25. **No**
26. **Don't know**

[comment box if yes]

1. **Do you have a Home Office drugs licence? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **What form(s) and volumes of nitrous oxide do you sell? Please give as much information as possible, including an estimate in case exact figure unknown. [Complete table]**

| **Canister size** | **Which form do you use nitrous oxide [Select all the apply, comment if other]** | **Quantity per order [Comment]** | **Number of orders over the past 12 months [Comment]** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8g canister** |  |  |  |
| **600g canister** |  |  |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |  |  |

1. **Do you sell nitrous oxide wholesale? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **Does your business import or export nitrous oxide? [Select all that apply]**
6. **Import**
7. **Export**
8. **Don’t know**
9. **What volume of nitrous oxide do you import or export annually? [Complete table]**

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| --- | --- |
| **Import** | |
| g | Litres |
| **Export** | |
| g | Litres |

1. **Who supplies your nitrous oxide? [Comment]**

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1. **Where do you source your nitrous oxide from? [Select all that apply]**
2. **United Kingdom**
3. **European Union**
4. **USA/Canada**
5. **Other**
6. **Prefer not to say**

[comment box if other]

1. **When placing an order, what is a typical quantity per shipment? [Comment]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## [If selected Q1.d] Manufacturer of nitrous oxide

1. **Tell us about your organisation. Where is it located? [Select all that apply]**
2. **England**
3. **Scotland**
4. **Wales**
5. **Northern Ireland**
6. **Other**
7. **Prefer not to say**
8. **What do your customers use and or possess nitrous oxide for? [Select all that apply]**
9. **Medicinal/ dentistry/ veterinary [please specify in the box provided below]**
10. **Food / catering** 
    1. **Propellant gas**
    2. **Packaging gas**
    3. **Foaming agent**
    4. **Antioxidant**
    5. **Extraction solvent**
    6. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
11. **Automotive**
    1. **As a performance enhancer**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
12. **Electronics**
    1. **As a cleaning agent**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
13. **Aerospace**
    1. **As a propellant**
    2. **To provide supplementary oxygen**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
14. **Oil and gas industry**
    1. **Testing equipment for leaks**
    2. **Production of chemicals**
    3. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
15. **Pharmaceutical**
    1. **In the production of products**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
16. **Research and development**
    1. **In gas chromatography**
    2. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
17. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
18. **Do you currently need a licence, authority, or some other form of accreditation or regulatory approval to manufacture nitrous oxide for legitimate use? [Select one]**
19. **Yes [please specify in box provided below]**
20. **No**
21. **Don't know**

[comment box if yes]

1. **Do you have a Home Office drugs licence? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **If known, which grade of nitrous oxide does your business sell? [Select all that apply]**
6. **Medicinal grade**
7. **Food grade**
8. **Other commercial/industry grade**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## [If selected Q1.f] Retailers who sell nitrous oxide direct to consumers

1. **Do you sell nitrous oxide as a high street retailer or from a larger store or warehouse? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **Do you sell nitrous oxide as an online retailer? [Select one]**
6. **Yes**
7. **No**
8. **Don’t know**
9. **[If yes to Q.46 only] If ‘yes’, do you use your own website or sell through a third-party site? [Select all that apply]**
10. **Own site**
11. **Third party site**
12. **Don’t know**
13. **Prefer not to say**
14. **Does your business import or export nitrous oxide? [Select all that apply]**
15. **Import**
16. **Export**
17. **Don’t know**
18. **What volume of nitrous oxide do you import or export annually? [Complete table]**

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| --- | --- |
| **Import** | |
| g | Litres |
| **Export** | |
| g | Litres |

1. **Who supplies your nitrous oxide? [Comment]**

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1. **Where do you source your nitrous oxide from? [Select all that apply]**
2. **United Kingdom**
3. **European Union**
4. **USA/Canada**
5. **Other [please specify in box provided below]**
6. **Prefer not to say**

[Comment box for other]

1. **Which of the following industries do you sell to? [Select all that apply]**
2. **Medicine/ dentistry/ veterinary**
3. **Food industry**
4. **Automotive**
5. **Electronics**
6. **Aerosol propellants**
7. **Oil and gas industry**
8. **Pharmaceutical**
9. **Research and development**
10. **Other [Please specify in box provided below]**
11. **Don’t know**

[Comment box for other]

1. **What form(s) and volumes of nitrous oxide do you sell? Please give as much information as possible, including an estimate in case exact figure unknown. [Complete table]**

| **Canister size** | **Which form do you use nitrous oxide [Select all that apply, comment if other]** | **Quantity per order [Comment]** | **Number of orders over the past 12 months [Comment]** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **8g canister** |  |  |  |
| **600g canister** |  |  |  |
| **Other (please specify)** |  |  |  |

1. **Do you sell nitrous oxide associated paraphernalia such as “crackers” (puncturing tools for instant inhalation)? [Select one]**
2. **Yes [Please specify in box provided below]**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**

[Comment box if yes]

1. **Do you currently need a licence, authority, or some other form of accreditation or regulatory approval to sell nitrous oxide? [Select one]**
2. **Yes [Please specify in box provided below]**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**

[Comment box if yes]

1. **Do you have a Home Office drugs licence? [Select one]**
2. **Yes**
3. **No**
4. **Don’t know**
5. **How do you transport nitrous oxide? [Comment]**
6. **How do you store nitrous oxide? [Comment]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 59]**

## Impact and Legitimate Use

[all respondents to be routed here after the last question in their relevant section]

1. **For the purposes of this consultation, ‘legitimate use’ refers to uses of nitrous oxide which is not for its psychoactive effect in a recreational capacity**. **What are you views on this definition? Please add any comments or proposed amendments in the box below. [Comment]**

[Optional comments box]

1. **What impact would the three proposals in respect of the sale of nitrous oxide have on you, your organisation, or your business? [Complete table]**

Using the table below, please tick one box for each proposal (1, 2, and 3).

| **Impact** | **Proposal 1** | **Proposal 2** | **Proposal 3** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **High impact (significant loss of revenue, (more than 30%) and /or administrative burden)** |  |  |  |
| **Medium impact (some loss of revenue (10-30%) and/or some additional administrative burden)** |  |  |  |
| **Low impact (minimal loss of revenue (less than 10%) and/or minimal additional administrative burden)** |  |  |  |
| **No Impact** |  |  |  |
| **Impact Unknown** |  |  |  |

1. **Do you have any other concerns about the impact that these proposals will have on you, your organisation or business? [Comment]**
2. **Proposal 1**

**[200 word limit]**

1. **Proposal 2**

**[200 word limit]**

1. **Proposal 3**

**[200 word limit]**

**[End of section - Please go to Question 62]**

## Marking and labelling controlling for containers

1. **Do you currently label nitrous oxide products that you manufacture, sell or handle? [Select one]**
2. **Yes [Please specify in box provided below]**
3. **No**

[comment box if yes]

1. **If new requirements were introduced for labelling nitrous oxide, what impact would these have on you or your organisation? [Select one, and comment]**
2. **High impact**
3. **Medium impact**
4. **Low impact**
5. **No Impact**
6. **Impact Unknown**

[optional box for comments]

**Thank you for participating in this consultation. [End of Questionnaire]**

# About you

Please use this section to tell us about yourself (optional)

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| **Job title** or capacity in which you are responding to this consultation exercise (for example, member of the public) |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Company name/organisation** (if applicable) |  |
| If you would like us to acknowledge receipt of your response, please tick this box | (please tick box) |
| Address to which the acknowledgement should be sent. |  |
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**If you are a representative of a group**, please tell us the name of the group and give a summary of the people or organisations that you represent.

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# Contact details and how to respond

Please send your response by to:

**Email**: [nitrousoxideconsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:nitrousoxideconsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk)

## Complaints or comments

If you have any complaints or comments about the consultation process you should contact the Home Office at the above address.

## Representative groups

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent when they respond.

## Confidentiality

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