

The Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (Revocations) Order 2014 Notice response

Executive summary

This document provides detail of the government's response to the Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (Revocations) Order 2013 Notice consultation, which closed on 20 December 2013. The consultation published the Notice given by the Secretary of the State to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority and Consumer Futures¹ of a proposal to make an Order to revoke expired exemptions from the requirement under section 5 of the Gas Act 1986 to hold a licence for the conveyance, supply and shipping of gas -

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-gas-act-1986-exemptions-revocations-order-2013-notice

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Notice response

One response was received from National Grid which agreed to the proposals. The response suggested that smaller organisations such as those mentioned in Schedule 3 to the Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (No.2) Order 1996, SI 1996/471 (for example, one of these is a named school), may not recognise the significance of the expiry and/or revocation of the orders.

This point was noted but following due consideration no further action was deemed to be necessary. The exemptions all expired a considerable time ago, so the revocation has no effect in relation to exemptions which applied to any particular organisations, and is merely removing redundant legislation. The particular organisations referred to above are in fact now covered by a new exemption.

Please see the response at: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-gas-act-1986-exemptions-revocations-order-2013-notice

Next steps

The Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (Revocations) Order 2014 will undergo internal clearances before being made. The Order will then proceed to be laid in Parliament and go through the required Parliamentary process. The Order is expected to come into force on 6th April 2014.

The Order will be available to the public, with an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, on http://www.legislation.gov.uk/.

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