



INFORMATION NOTE

Subject: LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS TANKS DEMARCATION POINT

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Who Should Read this:

Top Level Budget Holders, Prime Contractors, Private Finance Initiatives, Public, Private Partnership and other traditionally procured contracts, Project Managers, Site Estate Authority Teams and Property Managers with responsibility for MOD projects and Property Management Works Services (including the legacy work of EWCs/WSMs), Maintenance Management Organisations, Installers and Maintainers of LPG installations.

When it takes effect:

Immediately

When it is due to expire:

When advised

Document aim:

To provide addressees clarity about the demarcation point for Liquid Petroleum Gas Installations. This Information Note supersedes Safety Alert number: 03/12 Liquid Petroleum Gas Demarcation Point and Information Note 03/12 Liquid Petroleum Gas Demarcation Point, which **are thereby cancelled**.

1. Background

A government wide LPG supply contract commenced with FLOGAS UK Ltd on 31 January 2013.

Section 18 of this contract specifies the point at which the site assumes responsibility:

18. LPG INSTALLATIONS - POINT AT WHICH THE SITE ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY

18.1 The tank Owner is responsible for examination and maintenance of the storage tank, pipework, control devices and associated protection and safety equipment up to the outlet from the 1st stage regulator. (The first stage regulator reduces the gas pressure prior to leaving the tank compound). The Owner is usually the LPG Supplier.

18.2 The MOD Site (the User) is responsible for examination and maintenance of the installation of the outlet from the 1st stage regulator onwards and is also responsible for the upkeep of the LPG compound area. The examination and maintenance work is usually carried out by the MOD Unit maintenance management organisation.

18.3 Supplier and User responsibilities for equipment provided for use on Fire Training Rig installations are as follows:

- Liquid off-take – the Supplier is responsible for the provision, examination and maintenance of a vessel with a liquid outlet valve, short length of pipe, pneumatic actuated valve¹, pipe work orientation to suit the site and a regulator if required.*
- Vapour off-take – the Supplier responsibilities terminate at outlet of first stage regulator in the normal way, but the supplier will fit and maintain an actuated valve on the vapour supply if required.*

Responsibility for the examination and maintenance of all pipe work downstream of the outlet from the 1st stage regulator remains with the MOD Site (The User).

2. Action Required

Site Estate Authority Teams, Maintenance Management Organisations, Installers and Maintainers of LPG installations are to note the above points of demarcation for LPG installations.

3. References

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, Defence Equipment & Support, CONTRACT – CTLBC/1854 – SUPPLY OF LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS TO PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANISATIONS.

¹ The supplier is not responsible for the provision of the Air supply.