STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 178

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*13th October 2026*
Coming into operation -	*30th November 2026*

The Department for the Economy ("the Department"), being the Department concerned(**a**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 17(1), (2) and (5)(**b**), and 55(2) of, and paragraphs 1(1) and (2) and 15 of Schedule 3 to the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**c**) ("the 1978 Order").

The Regulations give effect without modifications to proposals submitted to the Department by the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland ("the Executive") under Article 13(1A)(**d**) of the 1978 Order. Before submitting those proposals to the Department, the Executive consulted such bodies that appeared to be appropriate as required by Article 46(3) of the 1978 Order(**e**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and come into operation on 30th November 2026.

Amendment to the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

2.—(1) The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(**f**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 2(4)(**g**) (general interpretation and application)—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (e), omit "or";

(b) at the end of sub-paragraph (f), omit "," insert "; or"; and

(c) after sub-paragraph (f), insert—

"(g) installations downstream of an isolation valve which—

(**a**) *See* Article 2(2) of S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9); Formerly the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment; *see* 2016 c. 5, section 1(3); that Department was formerly the Department of Economic Development; *see* S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3(5); that Department was formerly the Department of Manpower Services; *see* S.I. 1982/846 (N.I. 11), Article 3

(**b**) Article 17 shall be read with S.I. 1992/1728 (N.I. 17), Articles 3(2) and 4(2)

(**c**) S.I. 1978/1039; the general purposes of Part II referred to in Article 17(1) were extended by S.I. 1992/1728, Articles 3(1) and 4(1). Article 55 was amended by S.I. 1998/2795 (N.I. 18), Article 6(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 19

(**d**) Article 13(1) was substituted by S.I. 1998/2795 (N.I. 18), Article 4

(**e**) Article 46(3) was amended by S.I. 1998/2795 (N.I. 18), Article 6(1) and Schedule 1, paragraphs 8 and 18

(**f**) S.R. 2004 No. 63; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2006 No. 205 and S.R. 2016 No. 146

(**g**) Regulation 2(4) was amended by regulation 42(2) and Part 2 of Schedule 2 of S.R. 2006 No. 205 and regulation 38(2) and Schedule 6 of S.R. 2016 No. 146

(i) form a system exclusively used for the compression of gas;

(ii) are primarily used to supply compressed gas to vehicles; and

(iii) incorporate at least one gas compressor which has an electronic motor input power rating exceeding 5 kilowatts,".

(3) In regulation 26(9)(c) (gas appliances – safety precautions)—

(a) at the beginning, insert "subject to sub-paragraph (ca),"; and

(b) after sub-paragraph (c), insert—

"(ca) if it is not reasonably practicable to examine its operating pressure or heat input (or, where necessary, both), its combustion performance;".

(4) In regulation 36(3) (duties of landlords)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) after "Regulations or not", insert "; and see regulation 36A";

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) after "whichever is later", insert "(and see regulation 36A)";

(c) in sub-paragraph (c)—

(i) for "for a period of two years from the date of that check", substitute "until there have been two further checks of the appliance or flue under this paragraph or, in respect of an appliance or flue that is removed from the premises, for a period of two years from the date of the last check of that appliance or flue"; and

(ii) in head (v) after "any", insert "safety".

(5) After regulation 36, insert—

"**Determination of date when next safety check due under regulation 36(3)**

36A.—(1) Where a safety check of an appliance or a flue made in accordance with regulation 36(3)(a) or (b) is or was completed within the period of two months ending with the deadline date, that check is to be treated for the purposes of regulation 36(3)(a) and (b) as having been made on the deadline date.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the landlord may ensure that an appliance or flue is checked for safety within the two month period beginning with the deadline date, instead of checking it within the twelve month period ending with that date.

(3) The discretion conferred by paragraph (2) may be exercised—

(a) only once in relation to each appliance or flue in the relevant premises; and

(b) only in order to align the deadline date in relation to the next safety check of that appliance or flue with the deadline date in relation to the next safety check of any other appliance or flue in the same relevant premises.

(4) In this regulation "the deadline date", in relation to a safety check for an appliance or flue, means the last day of the twelve month period within which the check is or was required to be made under regulation 36(3)(a) or (b).".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 13th October 2026.

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Minister for the Department for the Economy

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 ("the 2004 Regulations").

The amendment made by regulation 2(2) has the effect that, subject to certain exceptions, the 2004 Regulations do not apply to certain gas compression installations which are downstream of isolation valves.

The amendment made by regulation 2(3) has the effect that a person who carries out an examination of a gas appliance under regulation 26(9)(c) of the 2004 Regulations must instead examine the combustion performance of the appliance to ensure it is operating safely if it is not reasonably practicable to examine its operating pressure or heat input.

Regulation 2(4) amends landlords' record keeping requirements regarding gas safety checks.

Regulation 2(5) makes provision for determining the date by which the next gas safety check is due for a gas appliance or flue. It also gives landlords (in certain circumstances) the power to extend the date by which the next gas safety check is due for an appliance or a flue in order to align that date with the date by which the next safety check is due for another appliance or flue in the same premises.

In Great Britain the corresponding Regulations are the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/139). The Great Britain Health and Safety Executive has prepared a full impact assessment in relation to these Regulations. A copy of that assessment together with a Northern Ireland supplement prepared by the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland is held at the offices of that Executive at 83 Ladas Drive, Belfast, BT6 9FR, from where a copy may be obtained on request.

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