

Energy Audit Scheme

Energy Audit Scheme Compliance Check Briefing Note

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Please bring this to the attention of your clients or prospective clients

Compliance checks will not be conducted in 2015 but will commence in early 2016. While the 5 December deadline set in legislation remains unchanged Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR)/Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) have agreed, having regard to the practical timescale realities and noting approaches being adopted in other jurisdictions, to exercise a degree of flexibility on the approach to be taken to enforcement in the Republic of Ireland.

In cases where compliance checks find that an audit has not been completed (and where a derogation* is not applicable) notice shall be issued by SEAI to the enterprise/entity in question requiring that they satisfy SEAI that they have complied by a specified date or be liable to the applicable penalties. This specified date shall be at the absolute discretion of SEAI (in consultation with DCENR) and shall in any event be not more than 3 calendar months from the date of notice.

*Derogation may apply where a company has demonstrated to the satisfaction of SEAI that it is pursuing an alternative route to compliance such as - ISO 14001 or ISO 50001 outside of a voluntary agreement or partnership with SEAI."