

## Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996

These Regulations provide for the preparation and acceptance of safety cases in respect of the conveyance of gas in a network and impose requirements in respect of gas escapes and the composition and pressure of gas.

**Regulation 2** - defines a "safety case" as a document containing the particulars specified in the Schedule referred to in the provision of the Regulations under which the safety case is prepared. Regulation 2 also defines a "network" as a connected network of pipes used for the conveyance of gas from a gas processing facility, a storage facility or an interconnector except a network used exclusively for supplying gas to non-domestic premises.

**Regulation 3** - prohibits a person from conveying gas in a network unless he has prepared a safety case which has been accepted by the Health and Safety Executive and, where others convey gas in the network, a person (referred to in the Regulations as a "network emergency co-ordinator") has prepared a safety case which has been similarly accepted.

**Regulation 4** - requires a safety case to be revised as often as may be appropriate; it also requires a safety case to be revised at least every 3 years.

**Regulation 5** - requires that any procedures or arrangements described in a safety case are followed and provides for specified defences for contravention of the requirement.

**Regulation 6** - imposes requirements on specified persons to co-operate with a person conveying gas in a network and with a network emergency co-ordinator to enable them to comply with the provisions of the Regulations. Regulation 6 also empowers a person conveying gas in a network to direct persons not to consume gas where this is necessary to prevent a "supply emergency". It also requires a person conveying gas to provide, on request to persons proposing to carry out work to gas fittings, information about operating pressures of the gas at the outlet of a service pipe.

**Regulation 7** - requires British Gas plc. to provide a continuously manned telephone service for receiving reports of gas escapes, and requires such reports to be passed on to the persons made responsible under the Regulation for preventing the escapes. The Regulation also imposes specified duties on occupiers of premises and others with respect to gas escapes. The Regulation imposes specified duties with respect to the investigation of incidents on persons conveying or supplying gas.

**Regulation 8 and Schedule 3** - imposes requirements with respect to the characteristics and testing of gas.