

The Explosives Regulations 2014 – Brief guides

EIG has prepared a number of brief guides to the Explosives Regulations 2014 (ER2104) which came into force on 1st October 2014 and which replace MSER, COER, POMSTER and a number of other regulations.

In general the specific provisions remain the same as those in place prior to that date and in the majority of instances if you were complying with the law on 30th September 2014 under the old regime you will be complying with the law under the new regime.

However there are number of minor changes which have, in general, provided more flexibility than before and which have removed some of the previous anomalies.

The brief guides also references other aspects of UK explosive legislation but it is important that users consult the Regulations themselves and seek advice as necessary to ensure that they comply with all current legislation. The Explosives Industry Group takes reasonable care in the preparation of this publication but does not accept liability for the consequences of any errors or omissions.

The EIG Brief Guides mirror HSE's own Subsector guidance which is due to be published shortly. The HSE Guides are shown below, and the EIG Brief Guides shown in **bold**.

- **Commercial manufacture of explosives**
- **Commercial storage of larger quantities or higher hazard explosives**
- **Storage of explosives at mines, quarries and in support of similar activities such as demolition**
- **Professional firework display operators**
- **Manufacture and storage of ANBI**
- **Wholesale storage of hazard type 3 and hazard type 4 fireworks**
- **Retail of hazard type 3 and hazard type 4 fireworks**
- **Retail of pyrotechnic articles**
- **Storage of pyrotechnic articles in support of other commercial activities**
- Retail of shooting supplies including ammunition
- Recreational users of shooting supplies and blackpowder eg shooters and re-encators
- **Using explosives in an educational environment**
- Non-commercial manufacture by hobbyists

Other EIG Brief guides prepared by EIG in relation to ER2014 are:-

- **The 24 hour rule**
- **Military explosives and CE marking**